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Infant, toddler victims of violence

Gunfire devastates lives of children in Hartford, Waterbury in one week

By Taylor Hartz

Hartford Courant

In just one week, the lives of two young children were struck by gun violence in Connecticut. A 2-year-old was hit by a bullet while bouncing in a baby walker in his home, and an infant was snuggled against his mother's chest when bullets narrowly missed him.

The 4-month-old boy was strapped into a carrier worn by his mother Christina Dang when she was shot outside her home in Hartford last week. Dang fell to the ground, her infant still seated in the baby carrier she wore, as she died from a gunshot wound. Another gunshot struck the baby's father, Dang's partner Chase Garrett.

The 4-month-old, named

Chosen'One Chase Garrett, became an orphan in a matter of seconds as the bullets whizzed past his tiny frame. The baby lay on his mother as both his parents died, before being taken out of the carrier by a neighbor and brought to a hospital to be cleaned up following the violent scene that unfurled around him, his family said Sunday.

A 2-year-old boy in Waterbury was in a walker in his home on Pinecrest Drive, where he lived

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Calvin Garrett, center, embraces siblings Jamie Rodgers, left, and Amani Garrett during a prayer vigil Friday for their brother Chase Garrett and Christina Dang outside where they were killed Thursday in Hartford. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**



A wooden pergola, under construction last week, will be the central focal point of Hartford's first food truck park. The park, on Farmington Avenue, will open later than first expected. Co-developer Rebeca Quach is seen second from left. **KENNETH R. GOSSELIN/HARTFORD COURANT**

Hartford's first food truck park still rolling

Why project has been delayed, and when it's expected this summer



Quan and Rebeca Quach are building a food truck park on the corner of Farmington and Girard avenues in Hartford. They planned to open it in May. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

By Kenneth R. Gosselin | Hartford Courant

Quan and Rebeca Quach knew their plans for the first food truck park in Hartford was moving into new development territory for the city, so it would take some time.

"So, I completely understand that," Rebeca Quach said. "Did I expect it to take this long? No."

The couple had hoped to open Westside Square, at the corner of Farmington and Girard avenues in the city's West End, by the end of May, but the opening has now been pushed back to early July.

Rebeca Quach attributed the delays to a combination

of the couple not knowing all the ins and outs of dealing with multiple city departments on a project for which there were no existing zoning regulations and slow responses from city departments to their questions

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Election reform concerns remain

Long-dormant case casts light on taxpayer campaign funding

By Edmund H. Mahony

Hartford Courant

As another election season ramps up, an old campaign controversy involving a big name and a lot of money has lain dormant for eight years and, in practical terms, may already have been pronounced dead.

If that's the case, clean election advocates worry the state's aggressive campaign finance reform laws are in peril.

Former state Sen. Ted Kennedy Jr. was accused in 2014, during the campaign that put him in office, of breaking a promise to limit his campaign spending to a government grant of about \$90,000 in taxpayer money. That's what he was entitled to under the Citizen Election Program, a landmark package of Connecticut campaign finance laws known as the CEP that was considered a model for keeping special interests out of state elections by financing campaigns with public dollars.

Democratic party records show that Kennedy's campaign benefitted from almost four times that much, using a loophole in the reform program created by an anonymous amendment slipped through the legislature the year before. Kennedy and his backers claim it permitted the Democratic State Central Committee to spend an additional \$288,000 or so on his campaign to cover "organizational expenditures" — after family, friends and business associates of Kennedy contributed about \$300,000 to the state committee.

His outspent opponent, Madison Selectman Bruce Wilson, complained to the State Elections Enforcement Commission, which opened an investigation of the Kennedy campaign and at least one other candidate who appeared to have raised money in a similar fashion — former Gov. Dannel P. Malloy, who was cleared. When Democrats challenged state subpoenas, the FBI became involved.

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Abortion decision 'a sucker punch'

Some women fear setbacks on horizon after hard-won gains

By Jocelyn Noveck

Associated Press

At 88, Gloria Steinem has long been the nation's most visible feminist and advocate for women's rights. But at 22, she was a frightened American in London getting an illegal abortion of a pregnancy so unwanted, she tried to throw herself down the stairs to end it.

Her response to the Supreme Court's decision overruling Roe v. Wade is succinct: "Obviously," she wrote in an email message, "without the right of women and men to make decisions about our own bodies, there is no democracy."

Steinem's blunt remark cuts to the heart of the despair some opponents are feeling about Friday's historic rollback of the 1973 case legalizing abortion. If a right so central to the overall fight for women's equality can be revoked, they ask, what does it mean for the progress women have made in public life in the

intervening 50 years?

"One of the things that I keep hearing from women is, 'My daughter's going to have fewer rights than I did. And how can that be?'" says Debbie Walsh, of the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University. "If this goes, what else can go? It makes everything feel precarious."

Reproductive freedom was not the only demand of second-wave feminism, as the women's movement of the '60s and '70s is known,

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Pro-abortion rights demonstrators express their fears Friday at the federal courthouse in Austin, Texas, after the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade. **ERIC GAY/AP**

Ukrainians find family help in Simsbury

Refugees fleeing war-torn Ukraine after the Russian invasion, find relief from family in Simsbury. **CONNECTICUT, PAGE 1**

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Farmington High grad, 17, killed in two-vehicle crash

Hockey, baseball player was months away from beginning college

By Taylor Hartz
Hartford Courant

A 17-year-old who graduated from Farmington High School just last month and was set to attend the University of Connecticut in the fall was killed Saturday night in a crash in Farmington.

Luke Roux, 17, died after being involved in a two-vehicle crash on Colt Highway at the intersection of Fienemann Road at about 10:30 p.m. He played hockey and baseball at Farmington High and was

months away from starting college, according to police and school officials.

Officers responded to Colt Highway Saturday night and found Roux and 21-year-old Jacob Coffey, who was driving another vehicle, seriously injured. They were both rushed to local hospitals, according to the Farmington Police Department.

Roux was pronounced dead at John Dempsey Hospital not long after the crash, police said.

In a letter sent to families, faculty and staff from the Farmington School District, Roux was described as "a proud and distinguished member of the Class of 2022 who recently accepted

his diploma "with his loving and devoted family by his side," including parents Carri and Stephen and siblings Nathan and Edison.

Roux attended Farmington schools from kindergarten through high school, said the letter, and excelled in academics and athletics over his 13 years in the district.

Administrators wrote that the school community "will deeply miss Roux in countless and profound ways."

"His kind and gentle personality throughout school, his perseverance and work ethic on and off the baseball diamond and hockey rink and his outstanding academic achievements will be remem-

bered," they wrote.

Beyond his success in classes and sports, Roux was a dear friend to many who practiced leadership and generosity in his community, the school said.

"Luke's spirit of giving back to his community for a greater good and consistently stepping up as a leader, especially during challenging times, will remain with us," the school district wrote. "We cherish each memory and we feel honored to have known and been a part of Luke's life over the past thirteen years."

Counseling services will be available at the high school from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and

those services will be extended as needed. Anyone who needs support can also reach out for help through the school by calling 860-351-7419.

"We hold Luke in our hearts, and we cherish the memories of his unwavering care for others, commitment to excellence in all aspects of his life as well as his generous and beautiful spirit," the school district said.

The North Central Municipal Accident Reconstruction Squad was investigating the crash, according to police.

Anyone who witnessed the incident is asked to contact Detective Jason Hughes at 860-675-2461 or HughesJ@Farmington-CT.org.

Controversy

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Nearly a decade later, Wilson said he is still waiting to find out what happened.

"Not a word," Wilson said. "The truly offensive part of all this is that the complaint hasn't been resolved and probably never will be. I understand politics is a blood sport and you have to be prepared for that when you sign up. But you know what? It is what causes everybody to lose faith in their elected officials."

The complaint against Kennedy accused him of violating what the CEP was intended to do: put candidates who opt for public financing on equal footing.

Officially, the complaint remains open and active, according to Joshua Foley, a spokesman for the State Elections Enforcement Commission. But Foley would not explain why the commission has failed to act or whether it ever would. Others familiar with the case said Wilson's complaint has been effectively shelved and will never be resolved.

"The case is toxic," a person who has been involved in the matter said. "Beside that, no one is going to pick up an eight-year-old case."

Kennedy and his lawyers insist all the campaign's spending was legal because of the legislature's amendment.

Kennedy's lawyer, William Bross, said that, right or wrong, the mechanism allowing candidates to bypass spending limits is legal because the legislature made it so by passing the 2013 amendment. And he predicted

state elections regulators wouldn't sanction Kennedy or anyone else who takes advantage of the amendment because the regulators realize that if they take the case to court they will lose.

"The concept of organizational expenditures is not something that the State Elections Enforcement Commission likes," Bross said. "And frankly, not just the commission. There are some other good government and campaign finance reform people who would tell you organizational expenditures are a bad idea. On the other hand, they are also completely legal and that was adopted by the General Assembly in a bipartisan way. And both Democratic and Republican leadership political action committees raise money for organizational expenditures every cycle knowing who they are going to be used to support. So it is part of the landscape."

The case has languished at least in part because of continuing legal disagreement — within the commission and among public financing advocates, lawyers and politicians — over whether the amendment actually does permit campaigns to spend in excess of the CEP caps on "organizational expenditures" with money donated by political committees. And, if so, does the excess spending conflict with other campaign reforms, not to mention the overriding goal of the CEP, which is to level the financial playing field for candidates.

There also is concern about whether the amendment could

allow campaign contributions from prohibited donors — state contractors, for example, or lobbyists — to reach candidates by passing through political committees.

The commission's failure to settle the questions — its decision could be appealed, leaving ultimate resolution with a court — has left good-government advocates worrying that spending caps and other reform provisions are unenforceable, making the CEP a toothless mechanism for delivering millions of taxpayer dollars to candidates. Since it became effective, the CEP has delivered more than \$100 million to candidates for state political office.

Charles Urso, who spent decades investigating political crime for the FBI and led the State Elections Enforcement Commission's Kennedy investigation until retiring in 2016, said the CEP should be scrapped if the state cannot enforce the reforms.

"It's time to end the Citizens Election Program," Urso said. "The State Elections Enforcement Commission has failed in its most important role as evidenced by its handling of Edward Kennedy's Senate race in 2014."

"If the commission is unable to investigate, enforce and opine on the regulations of the CEP, the program should be terminated. The taxpayers deserve better."

Urso was questioning reforms for which he was indirectly responsible. At the FBI, he was a lead investigator in cases that led to the political corruption convictions of former state Treasurer

Paul Sylvester and former Gov. John G. Rowland. Evidence of campaign finance irregularities that turned up in both cases was the impetus at the General Assembly for the reforms of the CEP.

Back during the 2014 campaign, Wilson said he was initially relieved to learn that Kennedy would run his campaign on a limited public grant.

"If you feel like you are on an even playing field, from a financial perspective, it makes the fight worthwhile," Wilson said.

That didn't last long, he said. Wilson said he would arrive at political events — alone, in his own car, carrying his own bag of campaign fliers — and encounter Kennedy with an entourage of young people with clipboards and, perhaps, a consultant.

"I couldn't figure out how he did it," Wilson said. "I never seemed to have enough money."

Three FBI agents and two federal prosecutors spent more than a year trying to determine whether agreeing to abide by a spending cap and then exceeding it was a violation. Among other things, they reviewed half a million emails exchanged among top Democrats. Leading Democrats argued to the Department of Justice that, because of the amendment, there could not be any violation and they ultimately prevailed. Federal officials have refused to discuss the matter, but two people involved in the process said senior prosecutors decided they couldn't make a case because of the amendment and the loophole it opened.

At about the same time the U.S. Attorney's office was dropping the Kennedy investigation, a report by then state Comptroller Kevin Lembo complained that the lack of resolution would erode the intent of what to that point had been regarded as a landmark set of reforms.

The flagship example of how this change defies the spirit of Connecticut's prior campaign finance reform is Ted Kennedy Jr.'s campaign for State Senate back in 2014, a report by Lembo's then staff concluded in 2017.

Kennedy has said he supports public financing of campaigns. He did not return a recent call, but in the past he has complained he needed to spend freely because he expected to be a target of right wing groups backed by rich and anonymous corporate donors — although no such attacks materialized in the 2014 race. Still, he said, he and other candidates need to raise money to defend themselves from those kinds of attacks and the amendment to the CEP gives them the ability to do so.

He has since left the General Assembly.

The State Elections Enforcement Commission recently was distributing taxpayer campaign grants to qualifying candidates for the state legislature. If past election cycles prove to be an accurate measure, taxpayers will spend between \$10 million and \$12 million to finance legislative races this year. An equivalent amount is expected to be distributed to candidates for statewide races.

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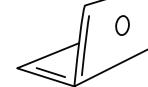
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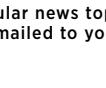
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Chosen'One Chase Garrett and his father Chase Garrett. **PHOTO PROVIDED BY GARRETT'S FAMILY**

Gun violence

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with his grandmother and siblings, when a friend of his older brother was allegedly showing off a gun, police said.

"At some point that gun went off and the gun struck the 2-year-old child who was in a walker," said Waterbury Police Chief Fernando Spagnolo during a press conference last week.

According to research published by Every Town For Gun Safety, a national nonprofit that advocates for stricter gun laws and less gun violence, an estimated 15,000 children are wounded by gunfire every year in America and another 3 million children witness a shooting each year.

The likelihood of being exposed to gun-involved homicides or assaults is much higher for children who live in urban areas, the organization said.

Christina Dang, 27, and Chase Eugene Garrett, 39, were killed when shots were fired around 9 p.m. on June 19 just outside the apartment Dang and Garrett shared with their young son on the second floor of a multifamily home at 67 Franklin Avenue in Hartford, police said.

Police responded to a report of gunfire and found three unresponsive victims with gunshot wounds. Dang and Garrett were pronounced dead on the scene and another woman was in critical condition, police said.

Police have said the incident stemmed from an argument between neighbors about a dog. Garrett's family said they believe Dang was arguing with a neighbor and Garrett stepped in to protect her and their baby.

A few days after the shooting, a 31-year-old man named Donovan McFarlane showed up at the Hartford Police Department to speak with detectives and said he was suffering from a non-life-threatening gunshot wound that occurred during Sunday's incident. He was arrested and charged with criminal possession of a firearm, police said.

Chosen'One Garrett was first taken into custody by the Connecticut Department of Children and Families and is now staying with a relative of his father, family said.

Judy Sailor, Garrett's mother, flew to Connecticut from Tampa, Florida, when she learned what had happened to her son and his girlfriend. She had been on a FaceTime call with Garrett just a few hours before he died, and he was holding his son.

The family had just come home from eating at the Cheesecake Factory in West Hartford and Garrett was set to start a new job at Red Lobster the next day, which his mother said he was most excited about.

He was also ecstatic about being a new father. For the four months he got to spend with his son, family said Garrett doted over the baby, making plans for his future like where he would go to school, where they would travel.

He was working on completing a family tree online so his son would know all about his roots and would often FaceTime his mother and siblings to update them on his son's milestones.

"He was so crazy about his son," said Sailor. "He always FaceTimed me to show me new things he was doing. He'd say, 'Ma,



Family and friends gather Friday for a prayer vigil for Chase Garrett and Christina Dang where they were killed Thursday in Hartford. **PHOTOS BY JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT**



A young girl watches from a car at a prayer vigil Friday for Chase Garrett and Christina Dang led by Mothers United Against Violence in Hartford.

he's watching the Michael Jordan game with me and he's loving it' and 'He's loving his new walker,'" she said.

Sailor was even on FaceTime when her grandson was born, she said. Sailor got to see her grandson come into the world and snuggle with his mom and dad for the first time.

While Dang was pregnant, Sailor said she spent many nights on video calls with the mom-to-be while Garrett worked nights. Dang, she said, learned how to crochet while pregnant and made her baby "a beautiful blanket." Both of his parents, Sailor said, loved Chosen beyond measure.

The family is devastated that the boy lost both his parents so tragically, so suddenly and so soon.

Chosen is a happy baby. He loves to bounce up and down, is always laughing and is enjoying his teething ring while his bottom teeth come in, Sailor said.

On Sunday night, Garrett's family was all gathering for a family dinner with Chosen. They hoped to bring Chosen the Bentley stroller his dad made sure to get him and donations of clothing and diapers from Garrett's alma mater.

Chosen's aunt says she wonders if her nephew recognizes the loss.

"I'm sure he feels something isn't right because his parents were active in his life," she said. But Rodgers says the infant seems happy still.

"He's very happy. It's almost like he

doesn't even know."

Garrett's mother is hoping to gain custody of the infant but is currently working with the Department of Children and Families to determine what is next for Chosen. His mother's family — who lives in Louisville, Kentucky, but who are also in Connecticut now — want to raise the boy as well.

The Department of Children and Families is also investigating the Waterbury shooting, police said.

The gun that police believe was wielded by Kharis Samuels, of Waterbury, was allegedly accidentally fired by the 20-year-old. A single bullet flew toward the 2-year-old inside the house, striking the toddler in his torso, police said.

He was rushed by his family to the closest emergency room and then taken by Life Star to Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford, where he underwent surgery, according to the Waterbury Police Department.

The toddler was in stable condition Sunday at CCMC, police said.

Police are now looking for Samuels and have issued a warrant for his arrest. He allegedly fled after the shooting. Police said he has ties to New York and Florida.

Samuels is facing charges of first-degree assault, illegal discharge of a firearm, first-degree reckless endangerment, illegal transfer of a pistol or revolver, criminal use of a weapon, carrying a pistol without

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a permit, illegal possession of weapons in a motor vehicle and three counts of risk of injury to a child, according to Spagnolo.

Every Town's research found that 92% of all hospitalizations involving children with firearm injuries happen in urban areas, and that 50% of children wounded by gunfire experience a lifelong disability.

The impact of gun violence, the group said in a statement, extends beyond the physical wounds.

"Gun violence shapes the lives of the children who witness it, know someone who was shot, or live in fear of the next shooting," according to Every Town. Children who witness shootings, or lose loved ones — like parents — to gun violence are at higher risk of struggling from substance use, depression, anxiety and PTSD, the organization said.

Garrett's family said that right now, "everything is just about making sure Chosen is OK."

Dang's family could not be reached, but Garrett's family said they all just want what is best for Chosen.

When they saw Chosen at a DCF meeting, Sailor said that, for a moment, the baby just stared up at his loved ones wide-eyed. Then he recognized them from all their FaceTime calls.

During their visit, the infant took to his aunt Jamie Rodgers immediately, said Sailor, wanting her to hold him.

Rodgers said she is heartbroken by her brother's death and wants his son to be with her, her mom and her siblings. She said her brother "stretched himself thin" trying to take care of everyone in his life, especially his son.

"He really loved being a dad. It was only four months, but he loved everything about it. He always wanted to do everything with him that he didn't get to do. He had a path for his son already planned for his life," she said Sunday from a family member's home in Windsor where she and her mom are staying as they plan her brother's funeral and work with DCF.

"Chase was very loved, and they took a big piece of a lot of people's hearts," Rodgers said of the man who shot her brother. "And we're going to make sure that Chosen is well taken care of the way he wanted him to be."



A "window wall" forming part of a fence around the park suggests the city's skyline. **KENNETH R. GOSSELIN/HARTFORD COURANT**

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during construction.

"It definitely all isn't on the city," Rebeca Quach said. "It really isn't. But when you're waiting a day, two days for answers, that is a long time in the construction world."

I. Charles Mathews, the city's director of development services, said the city has "bent over backwards" to work with the Quaches on the project.

Mathews said the city is certainly supportive of creative projects like the food truck park, but there were challenges. There were not yet zoning regulations for such a project, and changes were made midway through the project, Mathews said.

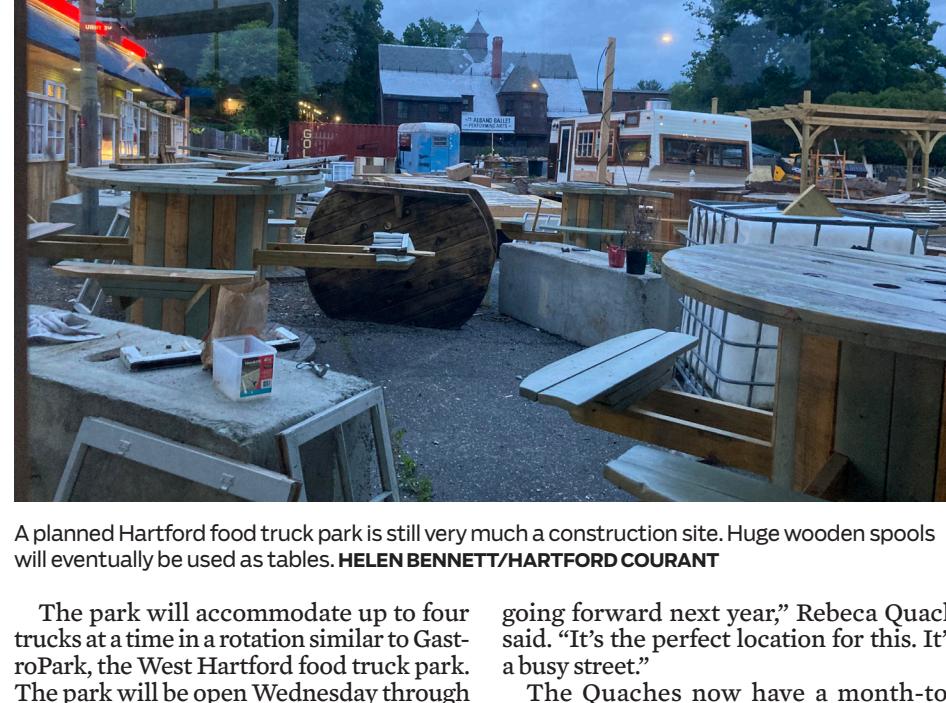
Mathews said he understands contractors, developers and others may expect a

turnaround of 24 hours or less, but the expectation isn't reasonable given the department's personnel and resources.

The department strives to meet all the needs of residents, small businesses and contractors, but often projects must be sequenced, "so maybe we won't reach you on Monday, but we will reach you on Wednesday, not because we're not working but there are hundreds of other people before you," he said.

On Tuesday, a meeting of three city departments — Licenses & Inspections, Planning & Zoning, and Health & Human Services — drew up a list of remaining issues.

Plans for the food truck park include a central pergola, a stage and seating for dozens of people on huge wooden wire spools. The planning for the park started a year ago, and Quan Quach is heading up the construction using repurposed materials.



A planned Hartford food truck park is still very much a construction site. Huge wooden spools will eventually be used as tables. **HELEN BENNETT/HARTFORD COURANT**

going forward next year," Rebeca Quach said. "It's the perfect location for this. It's a busy street."

The Quaches now have a month-to-month lease.

Rebeca Quach said she regrets Westside wasn't ready for Sunday's DominGO! celebration held on Farmington Avenue. The "Open Streets" celebration — Domingo is the Spanish word for Sunday — blocks off different streets to vehicles on three Sundays this summer to promote community interaction.

The Quaches had to cancel food trucks and a band that was set to play.

"We will miss that one, but we ourselves — our family will be here," Rebeca Quach said. "We'll all be supporting it."

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Sense of urgency at Pride parades

Marchers take note of justice's opinion, anti-gay sentiments

By Bobby Caina Calvan
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pride parades kicked off in New York City and around the country Sunday with glittering confetti, cheering crowds, fluttering rainbow flags and newfound fears about losing freedoms won through decades of activism.

The annual marches in New York, San Francisco and elsewhere took place two days after one conservative justice on the Supreme Court signaled, in a ruling on abortion, that the court should reconsider the right to same-sex marriage recognized in 2015.

"We're here to make a statement," said Mercedes Sharpe, 31, who traveled to Manhattan from Massachusetts. "I think it's about making a point, rather than all the other years like how we normally celebrate it. This one's really gonna stand out. I think a lot of angry people, not even just women, angry men, angry women."

Thousands of people — many decked in pride colors — lined the parade route through Manhattan, cheering as floats and marchers passed by. Organizers announced this weekend that a Planned Parenthood contingent would be at the front of the parade.

In San Francisco, some marchers and spectators held signs condemning the court's abortion ruling.

U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the large turnout was an acknowledgment that Americans support gay



Revelers on Sunday join the Planned Parenthood section of the New York City Pride March. CAITLIN OCHS/THE NEW YORK TIMES

rights. "Even in spite of the majority on the court that's anti our Constitution, our country knows and loves our LGBTQI+ community," she told KGO-TV.

The warning shot from the nation's top court came after a year of legislative defeats for the LGBTQ community, including the passage of laws in some states limiting the discussion of sexual orientation or gender identity with children.

As anti-gay sentiments resurface, some are pushing for the parades to return to their roots — less blocks-long street parties, more overtly civil rights marches.

"It has gone from being a

statement of advocacy and protest to being much more of a celebration of gay life," Sean Clarkin, 67, said of New York City's annual parade while enjoying a drink recently at Julius', one of the oldest gay bars in Manhattan's Greenwich Village.

As he remembers things, the parade was once about defiance and pushing against an oppressive mainstream that saw gays, lesbians and transgender people as unworthy outsiders.

"As satisfying and empowering as it may be to now be accepted by the mainstream," Clarkin said, "there was also something energizing and wonderful about being on the outside looking

in."

New York's first Pride March, then called the Christopher Street Liberation Day March, was held in 1970 to mark the first anniversary of the Stonewall rebellion, a spontaneous street uprising triggered by a police raid on a gay bar in Manhattan.

San Francisco's first march was in 1972 and had been held every year since, except during the last two years of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Celebrations are now global, taking place throughout the year in multiple countries, with many of the biggest parades taking place in June.

One of the world's largest, in São Paulo, Brazil, was held June 19.

In the United States, this year's celebrations take place amid a potential crisis.

In a Supreme Court ruling Friday striking down the right to abortion, Justice Clarence Thomas said in a concurring opinion that the court should also reconsider its 2015 decision legalizing same-sex marriage and a 2003 decision striking down laws criminalizing gay sex.

New York City parade spectator Jackie English said she and her fiancee Dana had yet to set a wedding date, but have a new sense of urgency.

"Now we feel a bit pres-

sured," she said, adding they might "jump the gun a little sooner. Because, what if that right gets taken away from us?"

More than a dozen states have recently enacted laws that go against the interests of LGBTQ communities, including a law barring any mention of sexual orientation in school curricula in Florida and threats of prosecution for parents who allow their children to get gender-affirming care in Texas.

Several states have put laws in place prohibiting trans athletes from participating in team sports that coincide with the gender in which they identify.

According to recent Anti-Defamation League survey, members of LGBTQ communities were more likely than any other group to experience harassment. Two-thirds of respondents said they have been harassed, a little more than half of whom said the harassment was a result of their sexual orientation.

In recent years, schisms over how to commemorate Stonewall have opened, spawning splinter groups events intended to be more protest-oriented.

Despite the criticism of growing commercialism, a streak of activism was apparent among attendees this year.

"The recent overturning of Roe v. Wade has caused a very strong uproar about what went down," said Dean Jigarian, 22, who crossed the river from New Jersey with his girlfriend to take part in the New York City parade. "So as you can see here, the crowd seems to be very energized about what could be next."

Abortion ruling divisive, even in places of worship

Messages of joy, fury: Opinions vary across religious landscape

By Holly Meyer and David Crary
Associated Press

Praise and lament for the overturning of abortion rights filled sacred spaces over the weekend as clergy across the U.S. rearranged worship plans or rewrote sermons to provide their religious context — and competing messages — about the historic moment.

Abortion is a visceral issue for deeply divided religious Americans. Some are sad or angry in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision Friday. Others are grateful and elated.

At St. Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh, the Very Rev. Kris Stubna discarded his planned Sunday homily and focused on the decision, calling it "a day of great joy and blessing."

He said the overturning of the nearly 50-year-old Roe v. Wade ruling was the result of prayers and efforts of many Catholics and others.

"This law violated the very law of God, that every life is sacred," he said. "A person cannot support abortion and still be a faithful

member of the church."

Stubna's comments would be considered divisive by some since U.S. Catholics disagree on abortion rights. Supporters include President Joe Biden and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., who face Communion restrictions as a result.

Not everyone sat through Stubna's entire homily. One woman left during it. Security personnel said three others also exited.

Views on abortions are not just polarizing within denominations; the divisions span the religious landscape.

"SCOTUS just dealt a terrible blow to women, to girls, to all childbearing people, to freedom," said the Rev. Jacqui Lewis, senior minister at Middle Collegiate Church, a multicultural Protestant congregation in Manhattan.

She mourned the overturning of Roe, expressing deep emotions during a service Sunday, saying, "It took safe legal abortions off the table, opening the door for states to rush in and crush reproductive justice. We are reeling. Spinning. So hurt we can hardly move. We are feeling the loss, the pain of it."

On Sunday, he told his California congregation at New Season that now is the

ically Black Protestant, Jewish, mainline Protestant, Muslim and Orthodox Christian faiths support legal abortion in all or most cases, according to a Pew Research Center's Religious Landscape Study.

Rabbi Sarah DePaolo carved out time at the start of Friday night's Shabbat service at Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot in Irvine, California, to express her disappointment, urging community members to support each other and create space for the fearful.

"One of the most upsetting things about this decision is that while it claims to represent people of faith, it does not represent our faith," DePaolo said.

Catholics are split on the issue while most evangelical Protestants, Jehovah's Witnesses and members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints say abortion should be illegal in all or most instances, according to the Pew Research Center study.

The Rev. Samuel Rodriguez, president of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference, views the ruling as a moral and spiritual victory.

On Sunday, he told his California congregation at New Season that now is the



Olivia Meholic prays Sunday at St. Paul Catholic Cathedral in Pittsburgh. During the service, the Very Rev. Kris Stubna gave a homily focused on the abortion decision. JESSIE WARDARSKI/AP

time for an unprecedented adoption movement. "We're gonna adopt babies, but we're gonna adopt moms, pregnant moms ... who have abortions because they can't afford to have a baby," he said.

Southern Baptists, who are members of the nation's largest Protestant denomination, are staunch supporters of anti-abortion views.

On Sunday, several pastors praised the ruling from their pulpits.

The congregation at First Baptist Concord in Knoxville, Tennessee, broke into

applause when Pastor John Mark Harrison addressed it.

"There's so much anger and emotion," Harrison said. "What we need to understand is that we're not called to fuel the emotions of the right or the left. We're called to walk in and through the gospel of Jesus Christ ... and minister to real people in real times of crisis."

At Central Church, in College Station, Texas, Pastor Phillip Bethancourt echoed that overturning Roe is not the finish line: "It's the starting gate of a new chapter. Abortion should be not

just be unlawful but unnecessary and unthinkable."

Other faith leaders doubled down on their support for abortion rights.

Women should be able to make their own decisions, preached the Rev. Fletcher Harper at the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour in Secaucus, New Jersey.

"Outlawing abortion is a sinful act that perpetuates male domination and the subjugation of women," he said. "It extends the coercive power of the state into a place where it should have no business."

Demand for abortion pills, contraceptives soar amid fear over access

By Amanda Holpuch
The New York Times

Days after the Supreme Court said states could ban abortion, health care providers have noticed an increase in interest in birth control, emergency contraception and abortion pills.

Especially in the nine states that had banned the procedure by Sunday, women appeared to fear a tightening of access to family planning resources and some were stockpiling

options. The increased demand reflected a growing concern that the court's ruling was part of a broader effort to prevent Americans from determining for themselves when and whether to become pregnant.

After Katie Thomas, 42, learned that abortion would soon become illegal in Arkansas, she purchased abortion pills for her 16-year-old daughter.

"Just the thought of something happening to my daughter, whether by

force or by her choice, and there's an unwanted pregnancy, I want to be able to handle that," Thomas said. "If I need to handle that on my own, then I will."

Thomas, of Little Rock, said she had already been stocking up on Plan B, the emergency contraceptive, in case her 21-year-old son and his girlfriend ever needed it. She bought even more Friday.

Even before Friday's ruling, abortion pills were becoming more popular. In

2020, over more than half of the abortions in the United States were medication abortions, according to a report by the Guttmacher Institute, which supports access to abortion.

Conservative states that have banned medication abortion will probably find it difficult to enforce. Many patients choose the procedure because it is less expensive, less invasive and affords more privacy than

surgical abortions. South Dakota's Republican governor pledged Sunday to bar mail-order abortion pills but said women shouldn't face prosecution for seeking them.

Kristi Noem indicated in national TV interviews that she would put in place a plan approved by state lawmakers to restrict the pills. Friday's ruling triggered abortion bans in South Dakota and elsewhere.

But Noem said doctors would likely be prosecuted for knowing violations of what would be one of the strictest laws on abortion pills in the country.

"I don't believe women should ever be prosecuted," she said. "I don't believe there should be any punishment for women, ever, that are in a crisis situation or have an unplanned pregnancy."

The Associated Press contributed.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Iran launches rocket into space as nuclear talks are set to resume

From news services

TEHRAN, Iran — Iranian state television said Sunday that Tehran launched a solid-fueled rocket into space, drawing a rebuke from Washington ahead of the expected resumption of stalled talks over Tehran's tattered nuclear deal with world powers.

It's unclear when or where the rocket was launched, but the announcement came after satellite photos showed preparations at a facility rural Semnan province.

State-run media aired dramatic footage of the blastoff against the backdrop of heightened tensions over Tehran's nuclear program, which is racing ahead under decreasing international oversight.

Iran had acknowledged that it planned more tests for the satellite-carrying rocket first launched in 2021.

Ahmad Hosseini, spokesman for Iran's Defense Ministry, said Zuljanah, an 84-foot rocket, was capable of carrying a satellite 485 pounds that would ultimately gather data in low-earth orbit and promote Iran's space industry. Zuljanah is named for the horse of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad.

The White House said it was aware of Iran's announcement and criticized the move as "unhelpful and destabilizing."

The launch comes just a day after the European Union's foreign policy chief, Josep Borrell, traveled to Tehran in a push to resuscitate negotiations over Iran's nuclear program that have stalled for months. A few significant sticking points remain, including Tehran's demand that Washington lift terrorism sanctions on its paramilitary Revolutionary Guard.

Borrell said talks would

resume in an unnamed Persian Gulf country in the coming days, with Iranian media reporting that Qatar would likely host the negotiations.

Tehran's rocket launches have raised alarm in Washington amid the unraveling of the nuclear deal by then-President Donald Trump in 2018. The U.S. warns the launches defy a U.N. Security Council resolution calling on Iran to steer clear of any activity related to ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons.

The White House on Sunday said it was committed to using sanctions and other measures to prevent further advances in Iran's ballistic missile program.

Iran maintains its satellite launches and rocket tests do not have a military component.

South Africa deaths: Twenty-one teenagers were found dead early Sunday in a tavern in the South African coastal city of East London, police said.

Initial reports were that the teenagers, who police say ranged in ages from 13 to 17, died in a stampede. But Bheki Cele, the national police minister, said that has not been confirmed.

Unathi Binqose, spokesperson for the Department of Community Safety in the Eastern Cape, said the tavern had hosted a large party Saturday night. It was also billed as a celebration of South Africa's dropping its mask mandate for public places, Binqose said.

Bouncers told investigators that to control the crowd, they closed the doors to the venue, Binqose said. People outside were said to have tried to push their way in, setting off a stampede, which may have been exacerbated by someone releasing pepper spray, he said.



World Drug Day: A member of security forces loyal to Yemen's Houthi rebels sets seized narcotics on fire Sunday in Sanaa, Yemen, during the annual U.N.'s International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The goal, according to the U.N., is to strengthen action and cooperation and have an international society free of drug abuse. MOHAMMED HUWAIS/GETTY-AFP

But the theory of a stampede seemed inconsistent with what forensic experts had found, Binqose said. Victims were found sprawled on the gray tile floor, but also on a sofa and a coffee table.

Gas prices fall: The average U.S. price of regular-grade gasoline fell by 4 cents per gallon in the past two weeks to \$5.05 for regular grade.

It was the first drop in nine weeks and came with a drop in oil prices amid deepening global inflation fears, industry analyst Trilby Lundberg said Sunday, adding that "consumers will likely see further declines in coming days."

Nationwide, the highest average price for regular-grade gas was in the San Francisco Bay Area, at \$6.39 per gallon. The lowest average was in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at \$4.39 per gallon.

WWII shipwreck: A U.S. Navy destroyer that engaged a superior Japanese fleet in the largest sea battle of World

War II in the Philippines has become the deepest wreck to be discovered, according to explorers.

The USS Samuel B. Roberts, also known as the "Sammy B," was identified Wednesday broken into two pieces at a depth of 22,916 feet.

That puts it 1,400 feet deeper than the USS Johnston, the previous deepest wreck discovered last year in the Philippine Sea also by American explorer Victor Vescovo, founder of Dallas-based Caladan Oceanic Expeditions.

The Sammy B. took part in the Battle off Samar, the final phase of the Battle of Leyte Gulf in October 1944.

According to some records, the destroyer disabled a Japanese heavy cruiser with a torpedo and significantly damaged another. After having spent virtually all its ammunition, she was hit by the lead battleship Yamato and sank.

Of a 224-man crew, 120 were saved.

Norway shooting: The suspect in a mass shooting during an LGBTQ festival in Norway has refused to explain his actions to investigators and will remain in pretrial custody for the next four weeks, police said Sunday.

The man, described by authorities as a 42-year-old Norwegian citizen originally from Iran, was arrested shortly after the shooting in Oslo's nightlife district early Saturday. He is being held on suspicion of murder, attempted murder and terrorism.

Two people were killed and more than 20 were injured in what the Norwegian security service called an "Islamist terror act."

Oslo police said they tried to question the suspect Saturday and again Sunday without success.

The gunman opened fire at three locations, including outside the London Pub, a popular gay bar in Oslo.

Police investigators said it was too early to say whether

the attacker specifically targeted the LGBTQ community.

Israeli politics: Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett convened what is likely his last Cabinet meeting as premier Sunday, with parliament expected to dissolve itself this week, triggering new elections in the fall.

Bennett's decision to head to elections — the fifth in the country in the last three years — ends an ambitious political project that united eight ideologically disparate parties that chose to put aside their differences to oust former leader Benjamin Netanyahu.

At the meeting, Bennett listed accomplishments under his year-old government and thanked his coalition partners, which included dovish parties that support Palestinian statehood, nationalist ones who don't, and for the first time in Israeli history, an Arab political faction.

Bennett is set to hand over the premiership to Foreign Minister Yair Lapid.

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Shot deadline looms for Army Guard

Troops risk dismissal without mandatory COVID-19 vaccine

By Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Up to 40,000 Army National Guard soldiers across the country — or about 13% of the force — have not yet gotten the mandated COVID-19 vaccine, and as the deadline for shots looms, at least 14,000 of them have flatly refused and could be forced out of the service.

Guard soldiers have until Thursday to get the vaccine. And according to data obtained by The Associated Press, 20% to 30% of the Guard soldiers in six states are not vaccinated, and more than 10% in 43 other states still need shots.

Guard leaders say states are doing all they can to encourage soldiers to get vaccinated by the time limit. And they said they will work with the roughly 7,000 who have sought exemptions, which are almost all for religious reasons.

"We're going to give every soldier every opportunity to get vaccinated and continue their military career. Every soldier that is pending an exemption, we will continue to support them through their process," said Lt. Gen. Jon Jensen, director of the Army National Guard. "We're not giving up on anybody until the separation paperwork is signed and completed. There's still time."

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin last year ordered all service members — active-duty, National Guard and Reserves — to get the vaccine, saying it is critical to maintaining the health and readiness of the force. The military services had varying deadlines for their forces, and the Army National Guard was given the longest amount of time to get the shots, mainly because it's a large force of



Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine and his wife, Fran, talk with Spc. Emily Milosevic in January at the Defense Supply Center Columbus. About 85% of all Army Guard troops are fully vaccinated, but up to 40,000 soldiers are not, according to data. PAUL VERNON/AP

about 330,000 soldiers who are widely scattered around the country, many in remote locations.

The Army Guard's vaccine percentage is the lowest among the U.S. military — with all the active duty Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps at 97% or greater and the Air Guard at about 94%. The Army reported Friday that 90% of Army Reserve forces were partially or completely vaccinated.

The Pentagon has said that after June 30, Guard members won't be paid by the federal government when they are activated on federal status, which includes their monthly drill weekends and their two-week annual training period.

Guard troops mobilized on federal status and assigned to the southern border or on COVID-19 missions in various states also would have to be vaccinated.

nated or they would not be allowed to participate or be paid.

To make it more complicated, however, Guard soldiers on state active duty may not have to be vaccinated — based on the requirements in their states. As long as they remain on state duty status, they can be paid by the state and used for state missions.

At least seven governors formally asked Austin to reconsider or not enforce the vaccine mandate for National Guard members, and some filed or signed on to lawsuits. In letters to the governors, Austin declined, and said that the coronavirus "takes our service members out of the fight, temporarily or permanently, and jeopardizes our ability to meet mission requirements."

Austin said Guard troops must either get the vaccine or lose their Guard status.

Jensen and Maj. Gen. Jill Faris, director of the Guard's

office of the Joint Surgeon General, said they are working with states' adjutants general to get progress updates, including on the nearly 20,000 troops who are not flat refusals and haven't submitted any type of exemption request. Some, they said, may just be a lag in self-reporting, while others may still be undecided.

"Part of those undefined are our soldiers who say, well, I have until 30 June and so I'll take till 30 June," Jensen said.

Others may have promised to bring in vaccine paperwork, and haven't done it yet. Still others are on the books, but haven't yet reported to basic training, so don't have to be vaccinated until they get there.

It's not clear how many are in each category.

Jensen acknowledged that if the current numbers hold, there are concerns about possible impact on Guard readiness in the

states, including whether it will affect any Guard units preparing to deploy.

"When you're looking at, 40,000 soldiers that potentially are in that unvaccinated category, absolutely there's readiness implications on that and concerns associated with that," said Jensen. "That's a significant chunk."

Overall, according to the data obtained by the AP, about 85% of all Army Guard soldiers are fully vaccinated.

Officials said that if those with one shot are counted, 87% are at least partially vaccinated.

Across the country, in all but one case, Guard soldiers are vaccinated at a higher rate than the general population in their state. Only in New Jersey is the percentage of vaccinated Guard soldiers very slightly lower than the state's overall population, as of earlier this month when the data was collected.

The three U.S. territories — Virgin Islands, Guam and Puerto Rico — and the District of Columbia, all have more than 90% of their soldiers fully vaccinated. The highest percentage is in Hawaii, with nearly 97%, while the lowest is Oklahoma, at just under 70%.

Guard leaders in the states have run special shot programs, and provided as much information as possible to their forces in order to keep them on the job.

In Tennessee, they set up small teams in the east, west and central regions and did monthly events providing vaccines to troops who wanted them. And every Wednesday, Guard members could make appointments for shots in the middle Tennessee region, in Smyrna. In addition, in early June they called in all soldiers who have so far refused the vaccine.

"We held a big, mass event," said Army Guard Col. Keith Evans. "We had all of our medical providers here. So if there were any questions to clear up, any misconceptions, any misinformation, we had all of our data and were able to provide them all the information."

Evans, who is commander of his Army Guard's medical readiness command, said they also had recruiting and other leaders there who could explain what would happen if soldiers chose to not get the shot and ended up leaving the Guard.

"We wanted to let them know what benefits they had earned because these are soldiers that had done their time, served their country," Evans said.

Officials say they believe the information campaign has been working. Jensen said that about 1,500 soldiers a week around the country are moving into the vaccinated category. "We expect, as we approach the deadline, that we'll see some larger growth."

Biden stresses Western unity on Ukraine amid war fatigue

By Zeke Miller,
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Associated Press

ELMAU, Germany — President Joe Biden and Western allies opened a three-day summit Sunday in the Bavarian Alps intent on keeping economic fallout from the war in Ukraine from fracturing the global coalition working to punish Russia's aggression.

Britain's Boris Johnson warned leaders not to give in to "fatigue" even as Russia fired missiles at Kyiv.

The Group of Seven leaders were set to announce new bans on imports of Russian gold, with the hope of further isolating Russia economically. They also were looking at possible price caps on energy meant to limit Russian oil and gas profits Moscow can pump into its war effort.

And following a proposal from last year's summit, Biden launched a global infrastructure partnership designed to counter China's influence in the developing world. The initiative aims to leverage \$600 billion with fellow G-7 countries by 2027 for global infrastructure projects. Some \$200 billion would come from the United States, Biden said.

U.S. officials have long argued that China's infrastructure initiative traps receiving countries in debt and that the investments benefit China more than their hosts.

In a pre-summit show of force, Russia launched its first missile strikes against the Ukrainian capital in three weeks, striking at least two residential buildings, according to Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko.

Biden condemned Russia's actions as "more of their barbarism," and stressed that allies need to remain firm even as the economic reverberations from the war take a toll.



President Joe Biden and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz focus on Ukraine during the opening Sunday of the G-7 summit in Elmau, Germany. SUSAN WALSH/AP

around the globe in inflation, food shortages and more.

"We have to stay together, because (Russian President Vladimir) Putin has been counting on, from the beginning, that somehow NATO and the G-7 would splinter, but we haven't and we're not going to," Biden said.

Ukraine cast a shadow over the gathering, but the leaders were determined to project resolve.

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz told Biden that the allies all managed "to stay united, which obviously Putin never expected."

Biden said of Putin's war: "We can't let this aggression take the form it has and get away with it."

Scholz, who has faced criticism at home and abroad for perceived reluctance to send Ukraine heavy weapons, said, "Germany and the U.S. will always act together when it comes to questions of Ukraine's security."

Meanwhile, Johnson urged fellow leaders not to give in to "fatigue." He has expressed concern that divisions may emerge in the pro-Ukraine alliance as the war heads toward its fifth month.

Asked whether he

thought France and Germany were doing enough, Johnson praised the "huge strides" made by Germany to arm Ukraine and cut imports of Russian gas. He did not mention France.

Biden and Scholz, in their pre-summit meeting, agreed on the need for a negotiated end to the Ukraine war, but did not get into specifics on how to achieve it, said a senior Biden administration official, who requested anonymity.

Biden said the G-7 nations — Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the U.S. along with the European Union — will ban imports of gold from Russia. A formal announcement was expected on the final day of the summit Tuesday.

"Putin is squandering his dwindling resources on this pointless and barbaric war. He is bankrolling his ego at the expense of both the Ukrainian and Russian people," Johnson said. "We need to starve the Putin regime of its funding."

Gold, in recent years, has been the top Russian export after energy — reaching almost \$19 billion, or about 5% of global exports, in 2020, according to the White House.

Now 76, Booth sees the Roe v. Wade upheaval as

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but it was surely one of the most galvanizing issues with workplace equality.

The women who fought for those rights recall an astonishing decade of progress from about 1963 to 1973 including the right to equal pay, the right to use birth control, and Title IX in 1972 which bans discrimination in education. Capping it off was Roe v. Wade a year later, granting a constitutional right to abortion.

Many of the women who identified as feminists at the time had an illegal abortion or knew someone who did.

Steinem credits a "speak-out" meeting she attended on abortion in her 30s as the moment she pivoted from journalism to activism — and finally felt enabled to speak about her own secret abortion.

"Abortion is so tied to the women's movement in this country," says Carole Joffe, a sociologist at the University of California San Francisco School of Medicine who studies and teaches the history of abortion. "Along with improved birth control, what legal abortion meant was that women who were heterosexually active could still take part in public life. It enabled the huge change we've seen in women's status over the last 50 years."

Joffe says many women, like her, now feel that the right to contraception could be at risk — something she calls "unthinkable."

One of them is Heather Booth. When she was 20 and a student in Chicago, a male friend asked if she could help his sister obtain an abortion. It was 1965, and through contacts in the civil rights movement, she found a way to connect the young woman, nearly suicidal at the prospect of being pregnant, to a doctor willing to help.

Booth ended up co-founding the Jane Collective, an underground group of women who provided safe abortions to those in need. In all, the group performed some 11,000 abortions over about seven years.

Now 76, Booth sees the Roe v. Wade upheaval as



A woman reacts as she marches with community members around Vander Veer Park following the Supreme Court decision to overturn Roe v. Wade Sunday in Davenport, Iowa. NIKOS FRAZIER/AP

a chilling challenge to the triumphs of the women's movement.

"There's been an advance toward greater equality, but ... if you ask about where we stand, I think we are on a knife's edge in a contest really between democracy and freedom, and tyranny, a dismantling of freedoms that have been long fought for," she says.

Of course, not every woman feels abortion is a right worth preserving.

Elizabeth Kilmartin, who volunteers for the anti-abortion organization A Moment of Hope in Columbia, South Carolina, is deeply pleased by the court's decision.

In her younger years she considered herself a feminist and studied women's history in college. Then, over the years she came to deeply oppose abortion, and no longer considers herself a feminist because she believes the word has been co-opted by those on the left.

"No women's rights have been harmed in the decision to stop killing babies in the womb," Kilmartin says. "We have all kinds of women in

power. Women aren't being oppressed in the workplace anymore. We have a woman vice president ... It's just ridiculous to think that we're so oppressed."

Cheryl Lambert is in the opposing camp. The former Wall Street executive, now 65, thought back to gains she made earlier in her banking career, becoming the first woman to be named an officer at the institution she worked for. She calls the court decision "a sucker punch."

"My thought was, what era are we living in?" Lambert says.

Lambert, who herself needed an abortion as a young mother when the fetus was found to carry a genetic disease, and many other women fear a return to dangerous, illegal abortions of the past — and a disproportionate impact on women without the means to travel to abortion-friendly states. Still, many are trying to see a positive side: that as bleak as the moment may seem, change could come via the ballot box.

"We're in it for the long haul," says Carol Tracy, of the Women's Law Project in Philadelphia.

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Local providers crucial in opioid epidemic fight

By Kim Beauregard

It's often said that budgets are the best indication of a state's priorities — that the formal allocation of public dollars can paint a clear picture of what lawmakers are most keenly focused on each year. This sentiment might be doubly true when a state is experiencing a budget surplus, or when it receives an unexpected windfall. After all, the more resources government has at its disposal, the more opportunity it has to fund various initiatives and priorities.

In Connecticut, the recently adopted adjustments to our biannual budget provide a great example of this concept in an area that has beleaguered our state and its residents for decades: how to tackle the state's ongoing opioid epidemic. Not only is Connecticut experiencing a significant budget surplus, but last year the state signed on to a \$26 billion national settlement from the country's three largest pharmaceutical distributors — AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson — along with drugmaker Johnson & Johnson, after the pharmaceutical companies failed to respond to warning signs about the over-proliferation of addictive pain drugs.

This agreement is expected to bring \$300 million to Connecticut, funding intended to help our state tackle the opioid epidemic over a number of years. However, it remains unclear precisely how Connecticut will utilize these resources.

From the moment this agreement was reached, I felt that Connecticut could make the most of this opportunity and funding by supporting local community health providers. As the leader of one such organization that has operated for more than 40 years here in our state, I know



A Drug Enforcement Administration chemist checks confiscated powder containing fentanyl at the DEA Northeast Regional Laboratory in New York. Connecticut saw a 14.3% increase in opioid-involved overdose deaths from 2019 to 2020. **DON EMMERT/TNS**

that community providers are ingrained into the fabric of Connecticut's cities and towns, with our employees very often living as neighbors to the patients we serve. Our localized and personalized focus is the right place to combat a problem like opioid addiction, which is harming communities at a personal and family level.

Thankfully, we now have clear signs that the Connecticut General Assembly and governor were listening to the calls from myself and other community providers that came after the settlement agreement

was reached. Recently passed adjustments to Connecticut's biannual budget established a new "Opioid Settlement Fund" as a separate, non-lapsing account, which will be administered by an Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee with assistance from the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Under this new framework, the fund must be used prospectively and only for specified substance-use disorder abatement purposes. This should help avoid problems we've seen in other funds — such

as the Tobacco Trust Fund — where dollars intended for one purpose are later diverted for other uses. The allocation of the opioid settlement funds can and should go where they are needed most: to the local level where providers are fighting this crisis day-in and day-out. Doing so will give more Connecticut residents the best and most immediate chance to receive the treatment they need through every step of their recovery process.

As the leader of a community-based health care provider based in Greater Hartford, I've seen firsthand the way opioid addiction ravages families and communities. Connecticut saw a 14.3% increase in opioid-involved overdose deaths from 2019 to 2020. Now more than ever, with the pandemic's worsening effect on drug abuse and overdose numbers steadily on the rise, community health providers need support in order to offer comprehensive treatment to anyone and everyone who needs it.

We aren't there yet. Connecticut's new Opioid Settlement Fund must be administered in a transparent way, and its committee as well as DMHAS have many decisions to make about these allocations. However, Connecticut has taken very important and positive steps in both securing these funds for their intended use, and setting up a clear structure for future disbursements.

I applaud Gov. Ned Lamont, Attorney General William Tong, DHMHS, the state Department of Social Services and the General Assembly for making Connecticut a leader in mental health and addiction services. Our work — and this fight — is far from over, but we are collectively working in the right direction.

Kim Beauregard is the president and chief executive officer of InterCommunity Health Care in Hartford.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Already missing Melody Currey

Melody Currey's prime characteristic was her integrity. She cared deeply about the people of East Hartford and the state of Connecticut, and was friends with an amazing variety of people: liberals, conservatives, Democrats, Republicans. She respected them all, as long as they told the truth [courant.com, June 13, "Former East Hartford lawmaker, mayor, dies at 71].

When Manchester Community College needed support for its new building, it was Melody Currey who somehow gathered the necessary votes in the legislature. She was smart and believed in increasing opportunities wherever she could. She had a profound understanding of community colleges and of public schools. Our world is a better place for her having been among us. I'm missing a close friend and a faithful colleague.

Jonathan M. Daube, Northampton, Massachusetts

The author is president emeritus of Manchester Community College, where he served 1987-2008.

Let's ensure correctional center is humane

A Hartford ex-con recently chose to die rather than return to jail [Page 1, June 16, "Report: Deadly shooting justified"]. It makes you wonder about conditions at the Hartford Correctional Center. Is it safe, responsive to individual needs? Is it air-conditioned? Are there emergency call buttons in the cells? Is the food healthful, palatable, abundant and consistent with religious restrictions? Do the inmates get time outdoors and to recreate? Do they have access to the internet or a library? How do they access their public defender?

Before you conclude that inmates don't deserve such rights, remember that many, if not most, at the Hartford Correctional Center haven't been convicted of anything. They're incarcerated because they can't make bail. And they can wait a year or more for a trial. With bad luck, you or I could be in their place. Let's ensure it's humane.

Doug Dix, Bloomfield

Story on road safety was flawed

The article "Road safety improving statewide" [Sunday CT, Page 1, June 19] is totally misleading about improvements in road safety for pedestrians and cyclists. I analyzed traffic incidents in West Hartford from 2015-21 for the town's Pedestrian and Bicyclist Commission. While it is true that the total number of vehicle crashes with pedestrian and cyclist crashes in the town has been decreasing, the number involving serious injury or death has spiked from one in 2018, zero in 2019 to five in 2020 and three in 2021. You can't go a day in West Hartford without witnessing a vehicle running a red light, and excess speed is rampant. We need both better roadway designs and better enforcement of existing laws. The use of traffic cameras is the preferred enforcement method, as they are always there, and they do not display driver bias.

Alan Blasenstein, West Hartford

Arnott nailed review of 'Kiss My Aztec'

I was so happy to read Christopher Arnott's review of "Kiss My Aztec." I left the theater with a group raving about the production and I was quietly in Mr. Arnott's corner.

Bette-Jane Hardersen, Bloomfield

What is Gary Franks talking about?

Gary Franks' Op-Ed about the Jan. 6 hearings lacks logic and misses the point [Opinion, Jan. 18, "The illegitimate Jan. 6 hearings"]. He states, for instance, that "it was impossible for a coup led by the 800-plus folks who were arrested to seriously impede the inevitable certification." If so, why did Donald Trump push it forward? It goes to show how the previous administration was divorced from reality. And why did Trump refuse to send in the military to protect the Capitol after the riot started? Vice President Mike Pence was the one who called the military. Franks criticized the hearing because it didn't have the involvement of the minority leader. But that's because the minority leader foolishly refused to participate in the hearings. Franks didn't bother to mention that. Further, he questioned why there was so little security despite warnings from government agencies and intelligence sources.

Government agencies like the FBI are part of the executive branch of the government. And the National Guard, which was called to help put down the attack, is an executive branch agency. Yes, the role of government agencies and intelligence agencies and the failure to timely call the National Guard should be part of the hearings.

Charles Woolsey, West Hartford

Protesters rarely understand our political process

I've never been a huge fan of protest movements on either side of the political spectrum. It usually indicates a failure to hear one side or the other and use our political process to negotiate a settlement. Before the Jan. 6 insurrection, there was the Black Lives Matter protests and one can go back to the civil rights, women's rights and the Vietnam War protests. In each case the ignorance of our political process to handle disagreements has been on full display. We were all struck by the violence of the BLM protests across the country and the need for change, although there were no congressional hearings. Once again, we seem to have overshot the reforms into another untenable situation with our legal system and policing.

When it comes to the Jan. 6 insurrection, I think we might be dismissing the overall message and focusing it solely on the claims by President Donald Trump that the election was stolen. That part is not true. However, when it comes to the fear of the incoming Biden administration's ability to competently manage the role of government, that message was warranted and the failures we have witnessed were perhaps a premonition of the Jan. 6 rioters.

Brian O'Neill, Haddam

OP-ED

Beware, 'stakeholder' capitalism is parasitic progressivism

By George F. Will

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Semantic infiltration is the tactic by which political objectives are smuggled into discourse that is ostensibly, but not actually, politically neutral. People who adopt a political faction's vocabulary also adopt — perhaps inadvertently, but inevitably — the faction's agenda. So, everyone who values economic dynamism, and the freedom that enables this, should recoil from the toxic noun "stakeholder."

The Oxford Reference definition is "all those with interests in an organization," including "shareholders, employees, suppliers, customers or members of the wider community (who could be affected by environmental consequences of an organization's activities)." Which means: everyone. "All" in the "wider community" who claim an "interest." Anyone can make such claims; no one can refute them.

A former governor of the Bank of England (Mark Carney), the head of the world's largest investment firm (Larry Fink of BlackRock) and the CEO of the largest U.S. bank (Jamie Dimon of JPMorgan Chase) have joined forces to make capitalism "sustainable" through "ESG" (environmental, social and governance) investing. Although fashionable, this is of dubious legality. (See below: fiduciary duty.)

The Economist's "Schumpeter" columnist notes that sanctimony accompanies such "financial do-goodery." Of course: ESG appeals to people for whom mere business — the creation of wealth and opportunity — lacks the cachet of politics.

Although progressivism presents itself as modernity on the march, its stakeholder doctrine echoes feudalism. Phil Gramm, a former U.S. senator, and Mike Solon, president at US Policy Strategies, writing in the Wall Street Journal, note that in feudalism's "communal world," workers had obligations to the church, the local aristocracy, the guild and the village. These "stakeholders" leeched away portions of what workers produced.

Today, Gramm and Solon say, about 70% of corporate revenue goes to labor, and 72% of the value of publicly traded U.S. companies is "owned by pensions, 401(k)s, individual retirement accounts, charitable organizations and insurance companies funding life insurance policies and annuities." So, the wealth of workers, and of current and future retirees, is diminished when "stakeholders" get corporations to sacrifice the goal of maximizing economic value to noneconomic, generally political goals.

Stakeholder capitalism violates fiduciary laws that require those entrusted with investors' money to employ it "solely in the interest of" and "for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to" the investors. (Emphasis added.)

Sen. Marco

Rubio's proposed Mind Your Own Business Act would enhance shareholders' power to sue corporate management for breach of fiduciary duty when corporations take actions "on a primarily non-pecuniary" (usually political) basis, or use primarily non-pecuniary public reasoning to justify corporate actions.

Although progressives are especially disposed to break all private entities to the saddle of politics, factions of all persuasions can infuse politics into this and that: A Texas law, itself a political gesture, requires banks that underwrite the state's municipal bond market to certify that their political gestures do not include forbidding transactions with the firearms or ammunition manufacturers and retailers. One affected bank: Dimon's JPMorgan Chase.

The New York Times recently interviewed two advocates of ESG investing. One said, in effect, that *only* such investing fulfills fiduciary obligations because the welfare of those whose money is being used depends on "a planet that is livable." Meaning: Politically enlightened ESG advocates know what unenlightened investors would want if they were as intelligent and virtuous as the advocates.

The other ESG enthusiast the Times interviewed said "social justice investing" is "the deep integration of four areas: racial, gender, economic and climate justice." And the "single-issue CEO" — the kind focused on maximizing shareholders' value — is "not the way of the future." This is often the progressives' argument-ending declaration: Non-progressives are on the wrong side of history, so they can be disregarded until history discards them.

The Times' interviewer observed that "defining justice seems messy these days." *These days?* Actually, justice has been a contested concept since Plato wrote. For today's ESG advocates, however, the millenia-long debate is suddenly over: Justice is 2022 American progressivism, period.

In a dynamic society, resources are efficiently disposed by corporate management whose primary duty, which other corporate activities do not compromise, is to maximize shareholder value by profitably supplying the demand for goods and services. Furthermore, in a congenial society, boundaries are respected: Most people say about most things, "this is none of my business."

Self-proclaimed stakeholders, parasitic off others' labor and accumulation, assert that *everything* is their business. Actually, although everyone has a right to advocate progressivism, no one has a right to insist on a stake in deploying others' property for the stakeholders' political ends.

George F. Will writes on politics and domestic and foreign affairs for The Washington Post.

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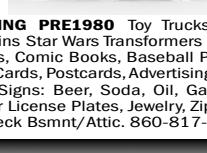
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The Updated Assessment Roll was filed with the Town Manager and Town Clerk of the Town of Windsor, Connecticut and the District Clerk of the Great Pond Improvement District on June 22, 2022. Any person aggrieved by this assessment may appeal to the Superior Court for the judicial district wherein the property is located and shall bring any such appeal to a return day of said court not less than twelve (12) nor more than thirty (30) days after service thereof and such appeal shall be privileged in respect to its assignment for trial.

PURSUANT to Special Act No. 11-8 of the Connecticut General Assembly, as assessments published hereby will be paid in annual installments, not exceeding thirty, all in accordance with the Assessment Plan, and the District may forgive such assessments in any single year without causing the remainder of the installments of benefit assessments to be a lost.

THE FOLLOWING is a list of the assessments effected by the Updated Assessment Roll:

Owner	Parcel	Total Assessment
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Combustion Engineering, Inc.	2000 Day Hill Road	\$0
Great Pond Village LLC	50 Lexington Street	\$17,489,017
Great Pond Village LLC	2250 Day Hill Road	\$1,826,759
Combustion Engineering, Inc.	300 Groton Road	\$9,035,992
Great Pond Village LLC	2100 Day Hill Road	\$32,063,199
Great Pond Village LLC	2200 Day Hill Road	\$1,826,759
Great Pond Village LLC	100 Newport Road	\$5,047,525
Great Pond Village LLC	200 Newport Road	\$5,047,525
Great Pond Village LLC	100 Windham Road	\$5,047,525
Great Pond Village LLC	200 Groton Road	\$1,225,527
Great Pond Village LLC	400 Groton Road	\$8,912,921
Great Pond Village LLC	500 Groton Road	\$26,233,526
Great Pond Village LLC	200 Windham Road	\$5,047,525

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INVITATION TO BID NCGM Bulkhead and Fill - Select Bid Packages

1790 Waterfront Drive
New London, CT 06320

A/Z Corporation, as Construction Manager, will receive sealed bids from subcontractors at A/Z Corp Office, 46 North Stonington Rd, North Stonington, CT 06359 for the project, National Coast Guard Museum (NCGM) - Bulkhead and Fill, until July 20, 2022, 2:00 p.m. at which time and place said bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids may be hand-delivered to the above address or directed by U.S. Mail to said office at A/Z Corp Office, 46 North Stonington Rd, North Stonington, CT 06359.

The work at the NCGM - Bulkhead and Fill, consists of the extension of the existing Thames River Bulkhead at 1790 Waterfront Drive, New London, CT. The scope of this invitation to bid includes but is not limited to the Marine and Site Prep Work, Concrete, Misc. Metal Railings, temporary Construction Fencing, and Railroad/Vibration Monitoring. No other work is being bid at this time. "This project is funded by both the State of Connecticut and private funding; however, the entire project is prevailing wage rate."

Bids are requested for the following bid packages:
Number Description CHRO Goals

BP 02-05 Vibration Monitoring & RR Track Monitoring 100% M/WBE Set Aside
BP 03-32 Concrete For Bulkhead Cap 100% M/WBE Set Aside
BP 05-55 Misc. Metals - Railing 100% M/WBE Set Aside
BP 09-29 General Labor & Housekeeping 100% M/WBE Set Aside
BP 23-21 Temporary Fencing 100% M/WBE Set Aside
BP 31-23 Marine and Site Prep Work* 18.75% SBE & 6.25% MBE

Note: Bid packages that the Construction Manager estimates have a cost greater than \$500,000 are marked with an asterisk (*).

For bid packages estimated to cost more than \$500,000, prospective bidders and all subcontractors whose subcontracts exceed \$500,000 must be prequalified by the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for the classification of the work indicated. The subcontractor shall hold a current DAS Contractor Prequalification Certificate (not a prequalification letter) from the Department of Administrative Services of the State of Connecticut to be eligible to bid. General Statutes Sections 4a100, 4b-101, and 4b-91.

Bidders shall submit with their bids a General Statement of Qualifications. If you have any questions regarding these requirements contact the State of CTDAS, at telephone number (860)713-5100 or visit their website at www.ctdas.ct.gov

The anticipated construction start date is August 15, 2022, the anticipated construction substantial completion date is December 30, 2022, and the anticipated final project completion date is January/10/2023. This project is subject to liquidated damages for failure to achieve the completion dates.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting with two options of all subcontractors will be held at the project site: 1790 Waterfront Drive, New London, CT 06320 on July 6, 2022, at 9:00 AM, or July 7, 2022, at 2:00 PM.

The Owner, National Coast Guard Museum Association (NCGMA), has contracted with A/Z Corporation to serve as the Construction Manager (CM). For questions regarding addenda, bidding or to confirm the bid date, contact: Robert Hislop of A/Z Corporation, at rhislop@az-corp.com or (860)445-3463. For technical questions and site, visits contact Scott Calhoun of A/Z Corporation, at scalhoun@az-corp.com or (860)4453558.

All requests for information (RFI) shall be emailed to rhislop@az-corp.com by July 8, 2022. No oral or telephone RFI's will be considered.

Drawings, specifications, and bid documents are available and may be viewed or downloaded free of charge at the following link: <https://www.az-corp.com/NCGM>. Interested bidders may contact Robert Hislop at rhislop@az-corp.com to receive updated drawings and bid documents.

Note: You will need to register with Bidding Connection or sign in to an already registered. Registration is required to receive future project notifications. Bidders will be held accountable for the requirements of all documents made available and will not be relieved of responsibilities for the requirements indicated in any bid documents not viewed or downloaded.

Addenda and bid clarifications and other notifications will be issued and posted electronically. Notifications will be sent out through the same site as the drawings and specifications by the Construction Manager. It is the responsibility of the bidders to ensure they have received all addenda and bid clarifications. All addenda and bid notifications must be acknowledged on the submitted bid proposal form.

Sealed bids are due in accordance with the Invitation to Bid. All bids and supporting documents shall be submitted in duplicate, in a sealed envelope, and clearly identified: NCGM - Bulkhead and Fill Project, with the Bid Package Number and Bid Package Description. No bids will be accepted after the close of the bid period. The governing time shall be the local time at the bid opening location.

All bids over \$50,000 must be accompanied by a bid bond payable to A/Z Corporation in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid proposal and shall be written on AIA Document A310 Bid Bond and the attorney-in-fact who executes the bond on behalf of the surety shall affix to the bond a certified and current copy of the power of attorney. The bid bond must be issued by a Surety Company licensed to underwrite bonds in the State of Connecticut and have a rating of A- or better.

Wages to be paid on this project are subject to the State of Connecticut Department of Labor Schedule of Prevailing Wage. Prevailing Wage information is available at the following website <https://www.ctdol.state.ct.us/wgwkstd/prevwage.htm>

A/Z Corporation and the National Coast Guard Museum Association (NCGMA) reserve the right to reject any or all bids that are non-conforming, non-responsive, unbalanced, incomplete, unqualified, nonresponsible, or not in the best interest of the project. A/Z Corporation and NCGMA reserve the right to waive irregularities or minor defects in the bidding.

All subcontractors will be required to award a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) or more of the value of their subcontract to DAS-Certified S/MBE contractors/vendors, of which a minimum of 18.75% of the value of their subcontract must be awarded to DAS-Certified SBE contractors/vendors and a minimum of 6.25% or more of the value of their subcontractors must be awarded to DAS-Certified SBE's that are also DAS-Certified MBE contractor/vendors. The contractor must demonstrate a good faith effort to meet the 25% set-aside goals (18.75% SBE & 6.25% MBE). The successful bidder shall participate and comply with all contract compliance regulations of the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) Section 46a-68 - 21 through 43, inclusive.

All submitted bids must include "CHRO Contract Compliance Regulations Notification to Bidders" form. For complete bidding information refer to Exhibit "E" - Project Specific Requirements

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The Cardinal family, of Simsbury, greets five Ukrainian family members at Bradley International Airport on June 15. PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE CARDINAL FAMILY

Simsbury family helps embattled Ukrainians

Refugees fleeing the war with Russia find relief in Connecticut

By Ted Glanzer | Hartford Courant

God told me we need to leave." On the first night that Russians started bombing Ukraine on Feb. 24, those seven words were the beginning of nine Ukrainians' exodus from a suburb in Kyiv to convents and churches in Poland and Portugal to then find stable refuge in Simsbury.

The first family, Arina, Yana, Ievgeniia, Viktoriia and Natalia (their last names have not been provided out of privacy concerns), landed at Bradley International Airport on June 15. The second family, Vitalii, Oksana and their 10-year-old son Sava and 7-year-old daughter Emma, are still in Lisbon, Portugal, held up by the juxtaposition of two numbers on one of their passports. The hope is that they make it to Simsbury in the next few weeks.

They are a tiny fraction of the estimated 5.2 million who have fled Ukraine since Russia invaded but who showcase the resourcefulness and resilience of the refugees and the willingness of family members and strangers to provide humanitarian aid.

"We're relieved the process worked," Simsbury resident Trina Cardinal, who spearheaded the effort to get the nine over to the U.S., said. "I am really happy [the five] are here. We are very

thankful for all the people who reached out to help us. It has been an overwhelming task to save nine people from Ukraine."

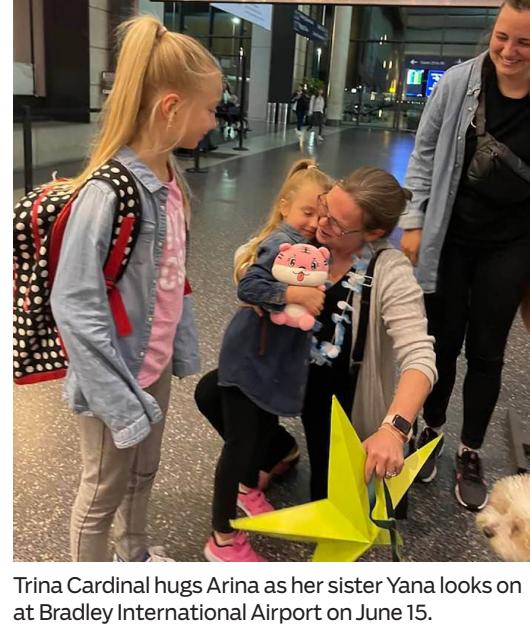
The Cardinals, who are cousins to the two families, worked on doing whatever they could to provide support and find a way to have them travel to the U.S.

Fleeing the war

Even though they are tied up in a bureaucratic snarl in Portugal, Vitalii, Oksana and their two children were the first to leave Ukraine when the fighting began. Oksana was the one who was jolted awake when the bombing began and knew they had to leave the country.

They crossed the border into eastern Poland and were ultimately given shelter at a church and support by local families in Poland.

Turn to Family, Page 2



Trina Cardinal hugs Arina as her sister Yana looks on at Bradley International Airport on June 15.

How to help

■ Gift cards and donations can be mailed to fundraising coordinator Ellen Naughton, 36 Massaco Street, Simsbury, CT, 06070.

■ Donations can also be made to Catholic Charities, Norwich, CT. The charity helps all people of all faiths, and is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that provides documentation for tax-deductible contributions. Make checks payable to "Catholic Charities" with "Cardinal-Ukraine" in the check memo line. 100% of all donations go directly to the "Cardinal Family Helping Ukrainian Cousins" Fund. Catholic Charities takes no fee. Mail to: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Norwich, Attn. Susan Connelly, 331 Main St., Norwich, CT, 06360.

Deadline looms for state retirees

Over 4,400 set to step down ahead of July 1 pension changes

By Keith M. Phaneuf
CT Mirror

With just over one week to go before more stringent pension limits take effect, more than 4,400 state employees either have retired this calendar year or filed their written intention to step down before July 1, according to new numbers released by Comptroller Natalie Braswell's office.

That includes 3,090 employees who retired between Jan. 1 and June 1 and another 1,346 who've indicated in writing they will step down before July 1.

That's double the number of retirements the state has averaged over the previous three calendar years, according to data from the comptroller.

Besides an aging state workforce, the other catalyst behind this year's first-half surge in retirements is a 2017 concessions deal unions negotiated with then-Gov. Dannel P. Malloy to help avert budget deficits.

Unionized employees, who received four years of protection against layoffs, accepted two years of wage freezes, furlough days and a delay in longevity payments.

But the concessions area that unions and state officials agree is sparking retirements now is tied to the pension program — specifically new cost-of-living adjustment rules.

The new COLA system — for those retiring July 1, 2022, or later — is tied to the Consumer Price Index and also features a series of caps that could produce adjustments smaller than the CPI.

The first COLA payment for post-July 1 retirees won't come until 30 months after retirement. Under the outgoing system, that payment comes within the first nine to 15 months.

The State Employees Bargaining Agent Coalition, which includes most bargaining units within state government, has said the public sector faces a staffing crisis and must immediately begin beefing up agencies and departments.

"Refilling these vacancies is not only paramount to our ability to protect the critical public services we all rely on but also to ensure a strong economy that addresses the historical, racial and socio-economic gap present in Connecticut," SEBAC spokeswoman Drew Stoner told the CT Mirror earlier this month.

According to data obtained by the CT Mirror from the state Office of Policy and Management in late April, all Executive Branch agencies — excluding public colleges and universities — had collectively filled 25,700 of the 30,080 positions authorized for

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West Hartford moves forward with transit-oriented district

Plan is to make areas near stations more pedestrian friendly

By Steve Smith
Courant Community

WEST HARTFORD — West Hartford Town Manager Richard Ledwith said the plan was six years in the making.

He spoke as the town council heard a presentation on creating a transit-oriented development zoning district in the New Park Road area of town, at a recent public hearing and its regular meeting. The council voted unanimously in favor of the ordinance.

Ledwith said the town's new Plan of Conservation and Development in 2020 included transit-oriented development as one of its tenets. In 2021, a study began, which lead to the plan to center development in the area around its Elmwood and Flatbush CTfastrak stations, as well as a planned



West Hartford wants to create a pedestrian-friendly environment near the Elmwood and Flatbush CTfastrak stations. CT TRANSIT/COURTESY

railroad station.

The crux of the plan is to create a pedestrian-friendly environment near the stations.

In addition to promoting

mixed use in a pedestrian-friendly environment, the TOD encourages lower parking require-

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Contributions of Black Americans in spotlight

CCSU symposium shares insights through history and education

By Deidre Montague
Hartford Courant

NEW BRITAIN — As Rodney Powell was at the podium to accept an award, he told a story about an interaction between a Black student named Lakeisha and a white teacher.

Powell, who was receiving the Paul Cuffee-John J. Johnson Award for his work when he was president and COO of Yankee Gas Services and when he was president of corporate citizenship for Eversource Energy, told a crowd of teachers, school social workers and parents the interaction took place after a field trip to Mystic Aquarium by a third grade class.

The teacher asked the students what they learned on the trip and Lakeisha raised her hand and said that she learned a lot about aquarium life, but she was still afraid of

whales, Powell said.

The teacher asked why she was scared of whales, and Lakeisha answered it was because of the Bible lesson of Jonah being swallowed by the whale that her Black Sunday School teacher taught her, Powell said. As a scientist and teacher, the teacher challenged Lakeisha and told her whales do not have the biological construct to be able to swallow a person whole, Powell said.

Remembering what her Sunday School teacher taught her, Lakeisha told the teacher that when she gets to heaven, she will ask Jonah himself. However, the teacher challenged her again and asked her what if Jonah did not go to heaven, but went to hell instead?

After looking pointedly at her teacher and remembering what her Sunday School teacher said, Lakeisha told her teacher that when she dies, she can ask Jonah instead, Powell said.

Powell told the story at the

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Family

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Oksana helped cook, clean and care for children, as well as prepare rooms for other refugees who arrived daily. Vitalii worked to get women and children who were still in Ukraine, to safety. In one instance, he traveled 10 hours round trip to Warsaw to help a family friend and a baby who were traveling alone.

Meanwhile, 6-year-old Arina, 9-year-old Yana, their mother Ievgeniia, grandmother Viktoriia and grandmother Nataliia — Vitalii's mother and his brother's children, wife and wife's mother — had planned to stay in Ukraine but fled when a nuclear power plant caught fire on March 4.

By then, men 18 to 60 were not permitted to leave the country, so the three women and two girls left for Poland. Their journey was more arduous and dangerous than the original four. It took them three days dodging war zones and enduring cold weather, walking into Poland to get to Vitalii's family living in the church in western Poland, Cardinal said.

"They were on a bus that drove for 12 hours from a remote town that bordered Poland and Ukraine," Cardinal said. "They walked a half a mile with other people in 30-degree weather to cross the border. Then they went to a train station and took two trains, standing room only, to get to Vitalii, who was in a church in western Poland. ..."

"They stayed in churches and convents and really lovely people helped them."

Efforts in the U.S.

The nine qualified to travel to the U.S. through Uniting for Ukraine, a program that enables Ukrainian citizens to come to America provided they have a supporter in the U.S. who agrees to provide them with financial support for the duration of their stay.

The program provides a two-year parole period for the families to stay, but they must stay the full two years, otherwise they aren't allowed back in the program, Cardinal said.

The Cardinals agreed to have their family members come, but they didn't have room for all nine. Furthermore, they needed assistance with travel expenses, the bulk of which was airfare, as well as food and other necessities when the families arrived.

Cardinal set up a GoFundMe page, Cousins Helping Cousins, to raise funds for the effort. So far it's raised a little more than \$13,000.

People stepped forward by donating their airline miles so the first group of five could fly to the U.S. The other four tickets are being handled by the Cardinals' extended family and a friend. As for the space issue — Cardinal said her family lives in a nice, three-bedroom cape, but not big enough to accommodate



Katie Cardinal hugs Arina at the Old Well Tavern in Simsbury on June 17. **COURTESY OF THE CARDINAL FAMILY**

all nine Ukrainians — serendipity stepped in. Several months ago, two Harvard men created a website, Ukraine Take Shelter, a kind of Airbnb for refugees, where anyone in the world could say they have available space in their homes for displaced Ukrainians.

"I'm up at 3 a.m. thinking I'm trying to save my husband's family, where is everybody going to live?" Cardinal said. "I decided to go on the website. I plugged in Simsbury, CT, and this guy, Marty McMahon, popped up. He and his wife had three bedrooms and a bath for Ukrainians."

It turns out McMahon lives just 2 miles from the Cardinals.

"This website is a worldwide website, and I figured it's going to be a needle in a haystack, but let's see if there's anybody on this website who is willing to take in Ukrainians," Cardinal said.

When she asked her neighbor why he's opening his home to Ukrainians, he said his coworkers were traveling to the Ukraine/Poland border to help refugees. "He said, 'I couldn't do that, but I could offer rooms to my house because I have a big house,'" Cardinal said.

With their acceptance into the Ukrainian program, and airfare and lodging all set, the nine just had to make it to the U.S.

A company in Poland had sold some minivans that were destined for Portugal, according to Cardinal. The Poland-based company entrusted Ukrainian refugees, including the nine, to drive the minivans to Portugal.

"Some company lent the Ukrainian travelers brand-new vehicles," Cardinal said.

That's how the nine wound up living in a convent in Portugal, where they waited to get clearance to fly to the U.S. Four remain behind as officials work on Oksana's passport issue.

Cardinal said U.S. Sen. Chris Murphy's office has been working diligently to clear up the matter.

Meanwhile, Arina, Yana, Ievgeniia, Viktoriia and Nataliia flew to Philadelphia, where

they encountered one more snag. The group's June 14 flight to Bradley was canceled, delaying their arrival in Simsbury by 24 hours.

Finding a new home

The scene at Bradley on June 15 was "magical," Cardinal said when the five finally arrived.

The Ukrainians were greeted with signs that said "Welcome to America" in Ukrainian and "Welcome to Connecticut — We love you Cousins."

The group was tired, Cardinal said, but everyone was smiling ear-to-ear.

"It was beyond magic because we had worked so hard for it," she said. "It was mostly smiles and just happiness ... a sense of disbelief. I still feel like I'm living in a movie and I still don't believe what's happening."

The five living in Simsbury are adjusting to life in America. They speak little English.

"We do a lot of Google Translate," Cardinal said, adding that she has a group of translators to help out as well. "We also have relatives in Ukraine who get on Facebook Messenger" and translate.

The five, along with the Cardinals, attended a benefit concert at the Old Well Tavern on June 17 that featured Simsbury High musicians, organized by SHS student Katie Lepak. The event raised \$1,001.

In light of the outpouring of support, the patriarch of the family, Max, who is fighting in Ukraine, expressed his gratitude in a post on Facebook.

"Many thanks to Trina and Rich Cardinal family for helping my family," he wrote. "In difficult times you have become a huge blessing to my family. My heart is overflowing with joy for what you have done. And to all those who helped you, a huge thank you. Tears of happiness on my face for what you did. God bless your family."

There is still plenty of work to be done, Cardinal said, including getting approval for the adults to work, getting the children registered for school and finding medical providers, among other things.

Cardinal says several companies have reached out with employment opportunities once the adults get the OK to work.

With the expanded family, they need a seven-seat vehicle, Cardinal said.

"We're looking for a donation," she said. "We're kind of figuring it out as we go. I don't have a master plan."

The one overarching theme, Cardinal said, is that she has found plenty of people willing to lend a hand during difficult times.

"There's more good than bad in the world, don't you think?" she said. "We're making lemonade out of lemons."

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them in the state budget.

The 17% vacancy rate is almost double where it stood two years ago, when 9.4% of jobs were empty.

The shrinking workforce also has made it more difficult for state agencies to limit overtime expenses.

A new report from the legislature's nonpartisan Office of Fiscal Analysis found General Fund overtime spending of most state agencies went up \$20.4 million or about 11%, during the first three-quarters of this fiscal year, which began last July 1.

Total overtime spending approached \$207 million.

OFA totals include all three branches of government and most higher education units but exclude the University of Connecticut's main campus in Storrs and most of its satellite campuses, which use a different human resource/payroll system from the rest of state government.

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ments, which benefits our community by promoting lower energy consumption, greenhouse gasses and contributes to a vibrant, livable and sustainable community," Ledwith said.

Town Planner Todd Dumais said key components to the ordinance include permitted uses in the zone, design (including setbacks, building orientation, architectural standards and parking requirements), and the population density in the area, which make the plan feasible.

Predominantly, the properties within the zone are industrially/commercially zoned.

Dumais said the density requirement will be achieved by lot areas limited to 750 square feet. Buildings will also be allowed to be up to five stories.

Some residents, however, found fault with the ordinance.

Eric Castiglione said the ordinance is "not a plan and it's not a design."

"It's only a technical specification," he said. "It's not much different than saying, 'I want a structure to accommodate my family of four, that has parking for two cars and a lot size of one-quarter acre.' You could end up with a center-entry Colonial, or you could end up with a double-wide trailer."

Admitting his statement was hyperbole, the point, Castiglione said, is that the missing piece is the town's POCD, which, while providing for "future opportunities," would also require the town to invest in infrastructure, including improving traffic in the area.

"You don't know how these things are going to work until they're tested," said resident Rick Liftig, adding that he learned lessons from the town's Traditional Neighborhood Design ordinance, approximately 25 years ago.

"I've learned that zoning rules do not create a market," Liftig said. "Development only takes place when market forces are favorable. On the other hand, if you have rules in place in advance of the next market surge, it's an invaluable guide and protector."

Weaknesses in zoning ordinances, Liftig said, could be exploited by developers and their legal teams.

Dumais said that the planning office would report regularly to the council, to ensure the ordinance was proceeding as planned.

Council members applauded Dumais and town staffers for their work on the ordinance.

"I'm excited. This has been quite a long struggle, and a lot of work," said councilman Ben Wenograd. "No ordinance is perfect, but we have to start somewhere, and I think this is a really great start."

"I support this," said council member Mary Fay. "We have to think bigger and longer term than we have been. ... We do have to monitor this and stay on top of it. ... I'm optimistic. I think it is going to create the vibrancy and the things that we want."

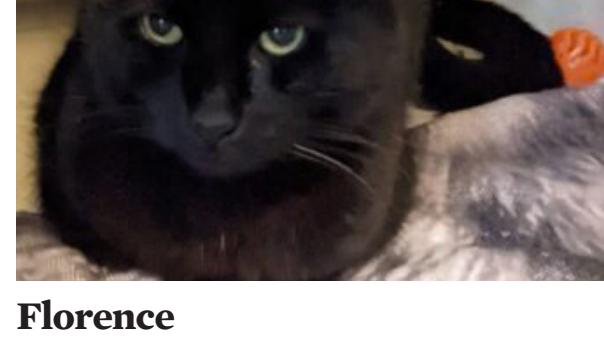
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PETS UP FOR ADOPTION



Brooke

Brooke is a 5-year-old sight hound mix rescued in Afghanistan and is looking for a home to call her own. Brooke can run like the wind, is smart and loves adventure. She takes a bit of time to warm up to new people, but when she does, she'll lean into you — her way to let you know you're "in." Her past has left her a bit leery of new things so an adult home with people who have big dog experience would be best. Brooke also wants to be the only animal in the home — no apartments or condos. She needs a fenced in yard (no electric fences) lots of toys to enjoy and de-stuff, her own bed and people who love her sensitive side. If interested in meeting this sweet gal, contact Our Companions at 860-242-9999 or email Helpline@OurCompanions.org.



Florence

Florence, found as an abandoned stray, is a "talkative" 3-year-old and would love to chat with you all day. She has mild asthma, which is managed with prednisolone, an inexpensive med that is combined with her food every few days. Florence is a sweet girl, but as she adjusts to being in a shelter, she can be a bit unpredictable at times, so it's best to follow her lead and know when she has had enough petting and attention. We believe that with time, patience and a good home, she will become more relaxed. She is OK with other shelter cats but ideally would love to be your one and only. No dogs. No children. To meet Florence, go to CatTalesCT.org/cats/Florence or call 860-344-9043 or email info@CatTalesCT.org.



Sheikh

Sheikh is a young cat rescued from Kuwait. Sheikh along with other kittens were brought to the USA on an 8,000-mile flight in hopes of finding them homes. He is a fun, loving, very vocal boy. He appreciates a good scratch in places he can't reach. Even though his back legs are paralyzed he gets around fine. He enjoys looking out the window and finding a favorite place to watch TV. He has been waiting a long time for a home. If interested, call AFOC at 860-693-0303 to meet him to decide if he is right for your family.

For more information or to submit a pet for adoption, please email pets@courant.com.

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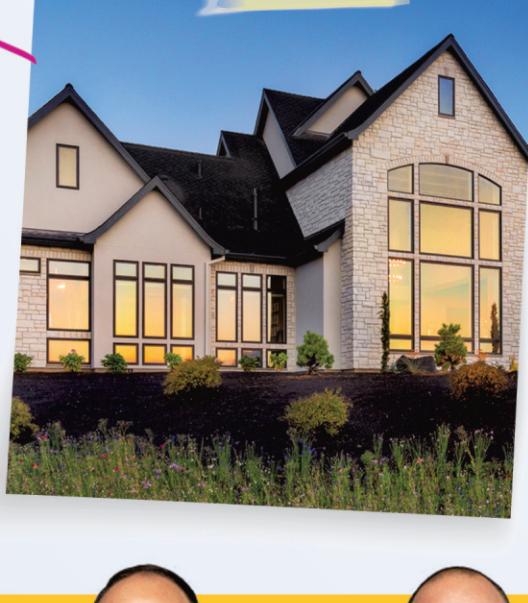
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NOW PLAYING

Reviews of movies showing in theaters or streaming online

'THE BLACK PHONE': Adapted from a short story by Joe Hill (the son of Stephen King), "The Black Phone" sees "Doctor Strange" director Scott Derrickson reunite with his "Sinister" co-writer C. Robert Cargill, and star Ethan Hawke, under the Blumhouse production banner, known for its low-budget, high-return horror flicks. Mason Thames stars as Finney Blake, a kid just trying to make it through middle school in 1978 Denver. His dad (Jeremy Davies) is a drunk, and the bullies are brutal (the beatdowns on screen are astonishingly bloody). Plus, all of his friends keep disappearing at the hands of a kidnapper known as "The Grabber," who leaves black balloons at the scene of his crimes. It's only a matter of time before the vulnerable loner Finney gets snatched too, and considering neighborhood stud Bruce (Tristan Pravong), and tough kid Robin (Miguel Cazarez Mora) didn't escape the Grabber, Finney figures he's a goner. Much of "The Black Phone" takes place in the drab basement where Finney is kept by the terribly masked Grabber (Hawke), who occasionally shows up to thoroughly creep him out and make vaguely menacing threats. On the wall is a black rotary phone with a cut cord, but it keeps ringing, and Finney keeps answering. Through the static, voices come through, and Finney realizes these are the voices of the boys who have disappeared before him, coaching him through this experience, giving him tips and tricks and guidance to survive the Grabber's clutches, if not for him, for them. 1:42. 2 1/2 stars. — *Katie Walsh, Tribune News Service*

'ELVIS': Why hasn't there been a great Elvis biopic yet? Well, Austin Butler wasn't around to star as the King of Rock 'n' Roll. At the center of Baz Luhrmann's sprawling pop epic "Elvis," a film as opulent and outsize as the King's talent and taste, Butler delivers a fully transformed, fully committed and star-making turn as Elvis Presley. The rumors are true: Elvis lives, in Austin Butler. Swirling around Butler's bravura performance is a manic, maximalist, chopped-and-screwed music biopic, in which Luhrmann locates Elvis as the earth-shaking inflection point between the ancient and the modern, the carnival and the TV screen, a figure of pure spectacle who threatened to obliterate the status quo — and did. Luhrmann takes Elvis Presley's legacy, relegated to a Las Vegas gag, and reminds us just how dangerous, sexy and downright revolutionary he once was. He makes Elvis relevant again. 2:39. 3 1/2 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

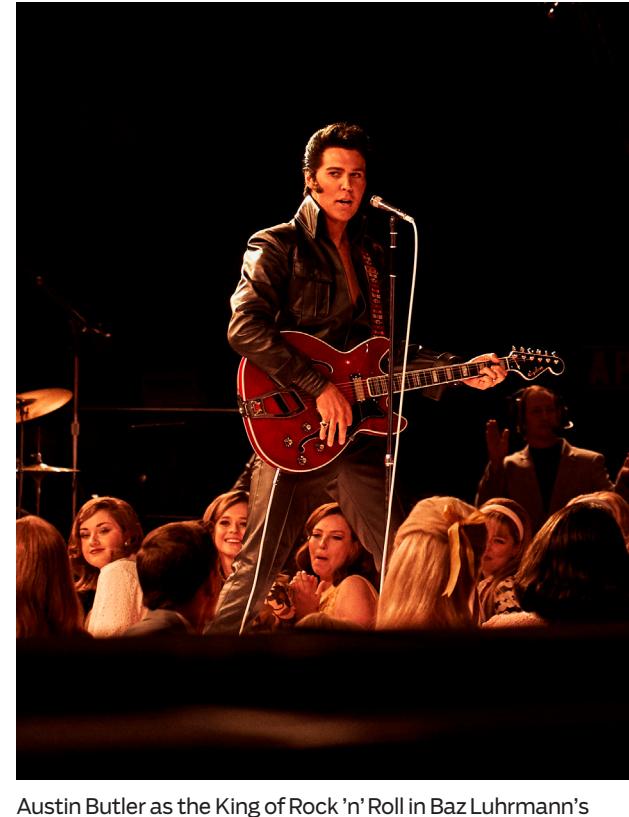
'JURASSIC WORLD DOMINION': The "Jurassic Park"/"Jurassic World" franchise always favored a janky, what-should-we-try-this-time approach. Fans of dinosaurs (and who isn't?) and the 1993 Steven Spielberg original based on Michael Crichton's novel, have been forgiving enough to show up for most or all of the sequels, with their new batches of dinosaurs and hilariously secondary humans. People have lots of opinions about their dinosaurs. As I took my seat for a recent preview screening of "Jurassic World Dominion," the family on my left was debating which was the worst in the series so far: the second movie in the first trilogy or the second in the second. Well, it's

neither. I'm afraid it's this new one, "Jurassic World Dominion," and neither its blobby story structure nor a frenetic running time of nearly two and a half hours (longest in the franchise) is the problem, really. The problem is filmmaking craft, and how little director Colin Trevorrow (who made "Jurassic World") brings to bear on the project. Something's off here, all the way through the film's warring personalities and wan subplots. The results may enjoy a big haul this summer, given the film's nostalgic Grand Finale trappings and the melding of the first trilogy's headliners — Sam Neill, Laura Dern and Jeff Goldblum — with the second trilogy's nominal leads. But you know how it is with brand-name blockbusters. Whether they personally bust your blocks means nothing. The IP is everything. 2:27. 2 stars. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

'LIGHTYEAR': Disney has made big business mining content from content, with spinoffs and sequels and multiverses. "Lightyear," the latest Disney/Pixar animated film, has been extracted from the much-beloved "Toy Story" universe, but it's a bit unique. It's sort of a prequel, in that it's intended to be Andy's favorite movie, the one that spawned the Buzz Lightyear toy that took up residence in his room with Woody and the rest of his pals. So "Lightyear" is not about Buzz Lightyear, the toy, but about Buzz Lightyear, the character, and this satisfying animated sci-fi adventure is a good choice for Andy's favorite flick. Though Tim Allen originally voiced Buzz, Chris Evans has taken over

vocal duties in "Lightyear," and with Evans in the role, there's more than a few times one will wish this was a live-action film. "Lightyear" — directed by Angus MacLane, and written by MacLane, Matthew Aldrich and Jason Headley — manages to strike an interesting tone between "adult drama" and "kiddie adventure," with a serious sci-fi story that has been dusted with some good humor and the therapy-approved life lessons we've come to expect from Disney movies. 1:40. 2 1/2 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

'SPIDERHEAD': On a remote island, sometime in the near future, prison inmates confined to a concrete, key-shaped structure jutting out over the ocean are being subjected to experimental, mood-altering drug trials. Chris Hemsworth, all slap-happy, suspicious bonhomie, plays the genius-blownhard in charge. Miles Teller plays one of the inmates, haunted by a fatal mistake behind the wheel years earlier; Jurnee Smollett portrays his lover and fellow inmate, likewise trying to shut out her own personal tragedy. In the control room, aka Spiderhead, aided by a morally queasy assistant (Mark Puglio), Hemsworth's character takes smug delight in administering, via an app on his phone, strategic doses of un-inhibitors to his subjects. The vials of brightly colored liquid are attached surgically to the lower back, allowing the drugs to flow straight into the inmates' bloodstreams. The most sinister of the trials involves doses of Darkenfloxx, which causes thoughts and feelings so dire, the results can be fatal. "Spiderhead" takes its time revealing what's

Austin Butler as the King of Rock 'n' Roll in Baz Luhrmann's "Elvis." **WARNER BROS. PICTURES**

up with these experiments, and whether there's a way out of this pharmaceutical hell. Streaming on Netflix. 1:47. 2 stars. — *Michael Phillips*

'TOP GUN: MAVERICK': It couldn't outmaneuver the pandemic enemy that delayed its release for two years, but "Top Gun: Maverick" can't lose, really. It's a pretty good time, and often a pretty good movie. It's cozy. And it'll be catnip for those eager to watch Tom Cruise flash That Look. What is That Look? It's the half-smile of insubordination when a superior officer (Ed Harris or Jon Hamm this time) busts test pilot and congenital speedneeder Capt. Pete "Maverick" Mitchell's chops, ineffectively. It's The Look that goes with an eternally boyish voice and demeanor. Capt. Mitchell, who lives alone in the desert with his beloved Kawasaki motorcycle, is called to a new and time-sensitive duty

(Val Kilmer), now a U.S. Pacific Fleet commander. Maverick has three weeks to train a group of new Top Gun aces to destroy a uranium enrichment plant in an unspecified but assuredly Slavic location. One of the trainees is Bradley "Rooster" Bradshaw (Miles Teller), the grudge-laden son of Maverick's late radar intercept officer, Goose, played by Anthony Edwards back when. It's silly-rousing enough to satisfy younger and older audiences alike. It may help to have hated the original, but I liked this one, even though it's not so very different from the first. Thirty-six years from now, we'll probably be watching Cruise teaching a new cadre of flying aces. Only the planet will have changed. 2:17. 3 stars. — *Michael Phillips*

RATINGS: The movies listed are rated according to the following key: 4 stars, excellent; 3 stars, good; 2 stars, fair; 1 star, poor.

CELEBRITIES

Adele unveils all-female bill for shows

From news services

Adele recently took to Twitter to share the all-female lineup of artists who will perform with her Friday and Saturday for two headlining appearances at the BST Hyde Park festival in London. The bill will feature Kacey Musgraves and Gabrielle, along with rising artists Mahalia, Self Esteem, Nilufer Yanya, Tiana Major9, Chrissi, Bonnie Kemplay, Ruti and Tamzene.

"The line up for my Hyde Park shows ... is going to blow your socks off!" Adele wrote, posting the flier for the festival as well as a photo of her and her guest performers. "An all female bill, from new artists that I'm obsessed with to the heavenly @KaceyMusgraves to one of my favorite artists of all time @GabrielleUk who I've loved since I was 4!"

The all-female bill seems to be the result of a careful curation on Adele's part.

The singer added, "It's going to be incredible, there's a whole host of us performing all day, I can't wait to share the main stage with you ladies."

Page responds to 'Bridgerton' return rumors: Regé-Jean Page, who plays the Duke of Hastings on "Bridgerton," took to Instagram to dispel rumors that he might be making a return to the Netflix hit.

"The boys are back in town," Page, 34, captioned a photo of himself and star of season two Jonathan Bailey during Milan Fashion Week. "(No, I'm not going back to the show btw - the papers made that one up.)"

Page went on to say that despite having no intention of reprising his role as Simon Basset in the Shonda Rhimes show, he and Bailey — who plays Simon's best pal, Anthony Bridgerton — "had the

Adele, seen Feb. 2, has curated an all-female lineup for her upcoming shows in London. **GARETH CATTERMOLE/GETTY**

best, and most stylish, catch up I've had in a while over some truly excellent Italian coffee and sunshine."

Of course, fans were none too thrilled to learn they're awaiting his character's return in vain.

"This is so iconic but pls come back," said one fan in the comments section.

Though Simon — a role that scored Page an Emmy nomination — is mentioned in the series' second season, Page's face is never seen. The third season will center on the romance between Colin Bridgerton (Luke Newton) and Penelope (Nicola Coughlan).

Nye marries Mundy: Bill Nye the Science Guy is officially off the market after saying "I do" to former Washington Post journalist and New York Times bestselling author Liza Mundy in late May. People reported.

The couple's love story

— which culminated in a ceremony at the Castle Build's Haupt Garden at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. — originated with one of Mundy's own works, according to the outlet.

In "Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II," Mundy, 61, referenced Nye's mother, Jacqueline Jenkins-Nye, who was a cryptanalyst. This led the 66-year-old Emmy-nominated mechanical engineer to email her, according to People.

June 27 birthdays: Singer Bruce Johnston is 80. Actor Julia Duffy is 71. Actor Isabelle Adjani is 67. Singer Lorrie Morgan is 63. Director J.J. Abrams is 56. Actor Edward Fordham Jr. is 52. TV personality Jo Frost is 52. Actor Yancey Arias is 51. Actor Tobe Maguire is 47. TV personality Khloe Kardashian is 38. Singer H.E.R. is 25.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson

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Grandma smolders over response to fire aid

Dear Amy: My 26-year-old grandchild "Sal" (and roommates) lost everything in a fire earlier this year. I reached out through Facebook to lament their loss, and many of my friends responded through donating money.

The (quite substantial) check was made out to me. They instructed me to handle it any way I thought best. I contacted Sal and asked how I should get them this money. The response was that they would pick it up sometime in the future from their parents and would share it with the roommates.

I know that this young adult is in dire financial straits, so I remarked something to the effect that I knew that Sal could probably use the money sooner rather than later.

The response from Sal was: "Please do not give me unsolicited financial advice again. I'm very busy with this gig and can't help you to set up Venmo. If you can cash the check and give it to my parents, I'll pick it up from them sometime in the next few weeks."

I responded (sarcastically) that I was sorry to have offended, and that I could assure Sal that it would never happen again.

Sal responded, "Thank you!" (Obviously, the sarcasm went right over their head.)

I truly don't know what to do. I'm offended by the snippy, self-absorbed response; by the rudeness of it to anyone, particularly a grandmother.

I put the money into my savings account.

I admit I am very angry. To add insult to injury, Sal has never written one

thank-you email to any of my friends who donated to these funds, despite my sending along their email addresses.

Please give me some guidance here.

— Offended Gran

Dear Gran: You could play this two ways: Don't respond at all, and don't do anything, forcing "Sal" to contact you directly regarding the money.

The second response would be to craft a short, warmly worded email (lose the sarcasm): "You've given me many moments of pride as I've watched you grow into an adult. This is not one of them. I know you've been through a lot, but there are times through life when it is vital that you remember to treat others as you would like to be treated. My friends and I rallied and answered a need. When you can figure out how to respond to this generosity with gratitude, I'll be happy to send these funds to you. I'd also be happy (with my friends' permission) to donate it to your town's fire and rescue squad. You decide. Love always, Gran."

Dear Amy: I am recently retired from a good profession. After I retired, I was trained in another field: horticulture.

My husband, trained in mechanical issues, ignores any information or advice I provide to help him with "his" plants.

Why can I give advice to hundreds of gardeners a month, but not my spouse?

— Dedicated Master Gardener

Dear Dedicated: The reason you can give

appreciated advice to hundreds of gardeners each month is because you aren't married to them.

Also — I assume that the horticultural advice you dispense to strangers is solicited.

I have a Post-it note over my computer that says, "All unsolicited advice is self-serving." It makes you feel good to help! It also speaks to your well-earned expertise. But oftentimes, people receive unsolicited advice as mainly a spotlight on their own challenges, and they take this advice as a tacit critique.

If your husband asks for your help or advice, then offer it. If he doesn't ask, you'll have to tolerate your own immense discomfort of watching his mistakes wither on the vine.

Many people learn best by doing. Gardening is in its own category of learning-as-you-grow (in my opinion), because the novice gardener's blunders reveal themselves in a painfully slow fashion, and often can only be corrected the following season.

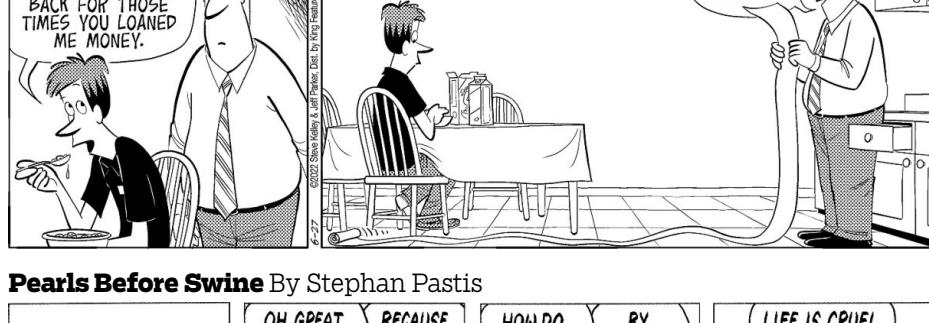
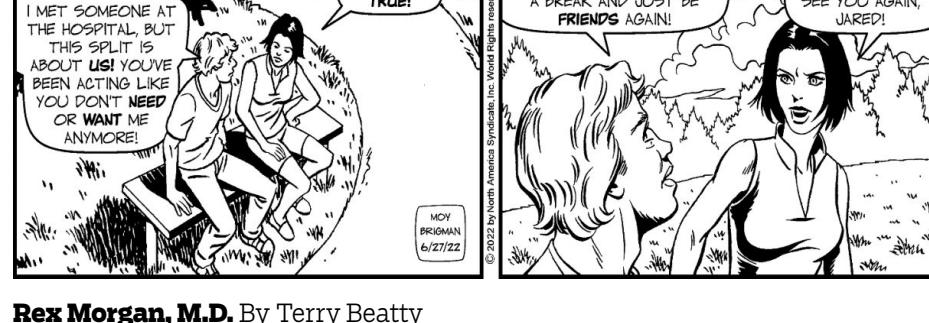
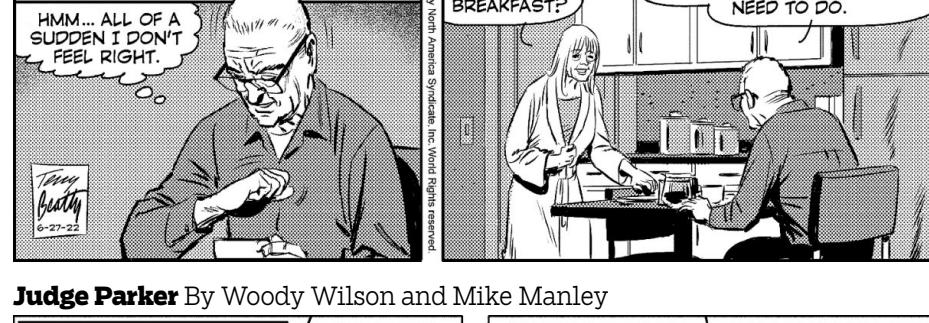
Dear Amy: I have two words of advice for all of the enabling parents who reach out to you for advice: Tough love!

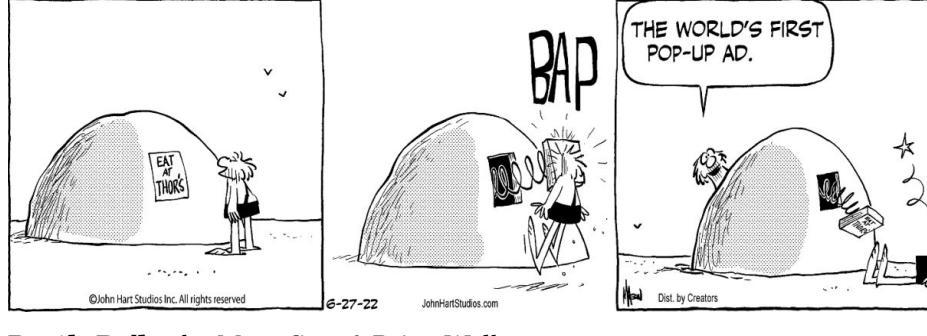
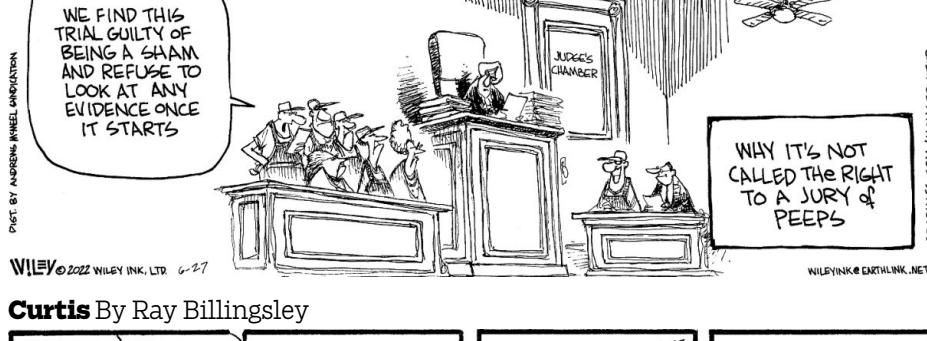
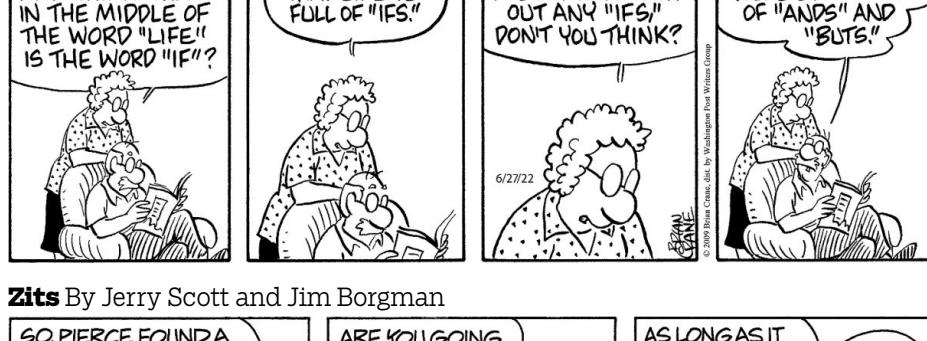
— Robert

Dear Robert: Love doesn't always need to be tough, but it can seem that way when people create reasonable boundaries and let their loved ones learn from enduring their own struggles.

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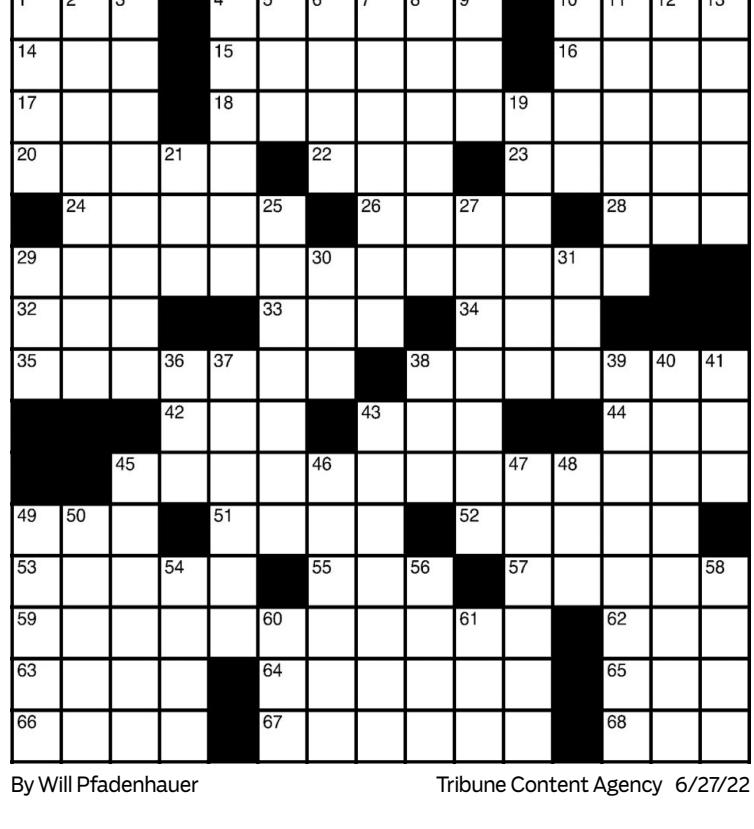
1 Sandwich made with Peter Pan and Welch's, for short
 4 Like an unruly kid
 10 Open-handed hit
 14 Flamenco shout
 15 Nanny who may live in an in-law suite
 16 "Field of Dreams" state
 17 Macadamia __
 18 Age-old method of long-distance communication
 20 Bus terminal
 22 Each
 23 "Been __, done that"
 24 Computer that generates Bitcoin, e.g.
 26 Younger of the NBA's Curry brothers
 28 45-Down, e.g.
 29 Triple-A baseball team based in Ohio
 32 __ goo gai pan
 33 Mont Blanc, e.g.
 34 Director Roth
 35 Some summer workers
 38 Find My iPhone logon need
 42 Kanga's joey
 43 Dean's list no.
 44 DVR forerunner
 45 Atmospheric patterns that resemble fish scales
 49 Female sheep
 51 Lotto variant
 52 Sends with a stamp
 53 Midafternoon

55 "Dear old" parent
 57 Pulls hard
 59 Christian doctrine of divinity, and the starts of the answers to 18-, 29-, and 45-Across?
 62 Grab a bite
 63 __ vera
 64 Route
 65 Pigpen
 66 Lacrosse targets
 67 Pie servings
 68 Netflix's " __ Education"

10 Weary sound
 11 Folks who keep to themselves
 12 Cognizant (of)
 13 Lost some color
 19 Service provided by the Geek Squad
 21 Unspecified person
 25 Southwest Virginia city
 27 Steakhouse chain with a skinny tree in its logo
 29 Texter's "Sorry, did I overshare?"
 30 L.A. Galaxy's org.
 31 Nada
 36 Timeline stretch

Down

1 "On Golden __": Hepburn film
 2 Brewer known for its Belgian White ale
 3 Many a "Top Gun" aviator
 4 Kept moist, as a roast turkey



By Will Pfadenhauer

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BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♦ A K 10 8 7 6 3 2

♦ Q 9

♦ Q 10 2

WEST

♠ A K Q 8 4 2

♥ 9

♦ J 10 4

♣ J 7 6

EAST

♦ 10 9 6 5

♥ —

♦ 8 6 5 3

♣ A K 9 8 4

SOUTH

♦ J 7 3

♥ Q J 5 4

♦ A K 7 2

♣ 5 3

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ 1 ♠ 2 NT 3 ♠

Dble 3 ♠ 4 ♥ 4 ♣

Pass Pass 5 ♥ 5 ♣

Pass Pass 6 ♥ Pass

Pass Dble Opening lead — king of spades.

Famous Hand

In a duplicate tournament, where pairs move from table to table, the potential always exists for a pair to stray off course and wind up in the wrong seats. If the error is not discovered before the errant pair begins play at the wrong table, the offenders are likely to be penalized.

Probably no pair ever paid a greater penalty than the East-West duo in today's deal, which occurred in the Masters Pairs Championship in 1944. The bidding shown occurred at table A-1, where all-time greats Howard Schenken and John Crawford were seated North-South. East-West belonged at Table 1, but in another section.

Having already begun to play when the error was discovered, East-West were compelled by the tournament director to finish the hand out. Crawford then made the doubled slam to score a cold top!

Schenken's jump to two notrump after South's skimpy one-heart opening was an attempt to intimidate the opponents and

keep them out of the bidding. But East-West kept right on bidding spades until Schenken bid six hearts.

The opening spade lead was ruffed in dummy, after which Crawford ran all of dummy's hearts. On the last trump, East, down to four diamonds and the A-K of clubs, was unable to guard both suits. If he threw a club, declarer would lead a low club and make the slam, so East discarded a diamond.

Crawford thereupon cashed four diamonds, bringing his total to 12 tricks. But that was not quite the end of it. During the play, West had let go of all his spades. So Crawford took the last trick with the jack of spades to make the slam with an overtrick!

It is doubtful that this particular East-West pair ever strayed to the wrong table again.

Tomorrow: The luxury finesse.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CWIET

ROHDC

YTEALL

WASAYL

Did you know that the cheese is made of cheese? There once was a cow that wanted something really high to jump over...

Can I jump that high?

Is this a true story?

The story the cow was telling was a --

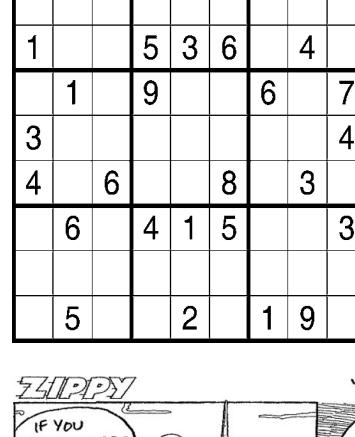
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

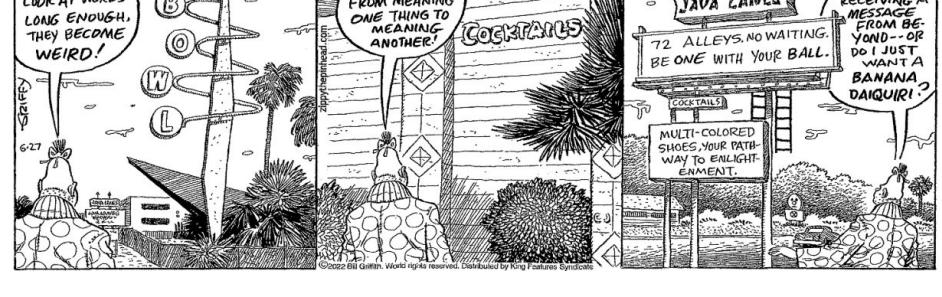
Answer " here: (Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: WIDTH KNEEL HARDLY ACCENT

Answer: After casting so many sinister spells in a row, the evil witch had a -- WICKED HEADACHE

TODAY'S SUDOKU

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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An extra array of word games, search and Jumble. Want more? Play online at PlayJumble.com



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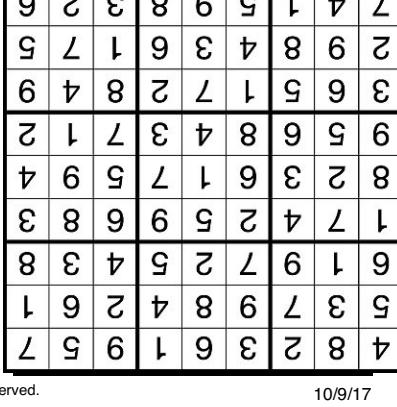
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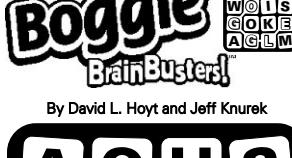
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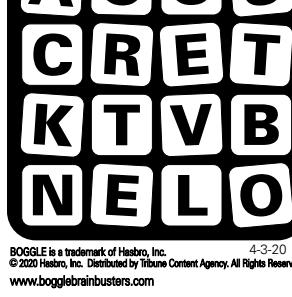


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BOGGLE



By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



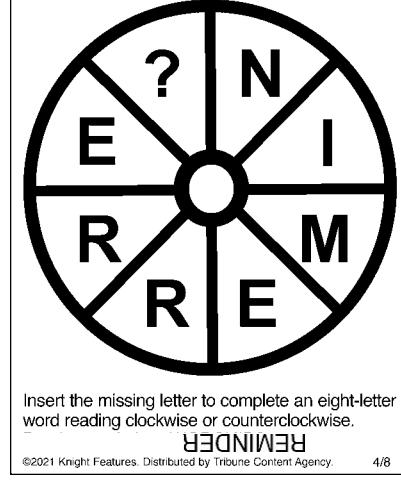
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INSTRUCTIONS: Find as many words as you can by linking letters in a row, side-to-side and diagonally within words on a blank sheet of paper. You may only use each letter box once within a single word. Play with a friend and compare word finds, crossing out common words.

BOGGLE POINT SCALE YOUR BOGGLE RATING
3 letters = 1 point 151+ = Champ
4 letters = 2 points 101-150 = Expert
5 letters = 3 points 61-100 = Pro
6 letters = 4 points 31-60 = Master
7 letters = 5 points 21-30 = Premier
8 letters = 6 points 11-20 = Rookie
9 letters = 7 points 1-10 = Amateur
10 letters = 8 points 0-10 = Try again

Boggle BrainBusters Bonus
We put special brain-busting words into the grid of letters. Can you find them?

Find AT LEAST SEVEN WORDS RELATED TO TENNIS in the grid of letters.

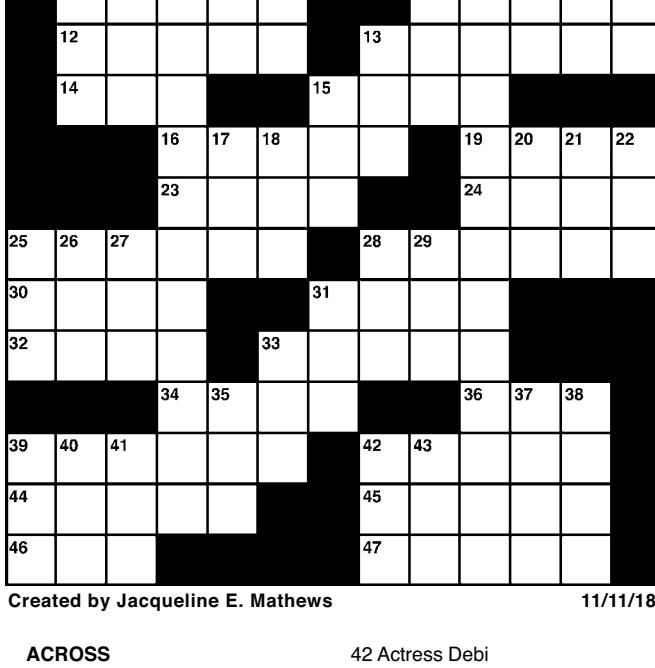


Insert the missing letter to complete an eight-letter word reading clockwise or counterclockwise.

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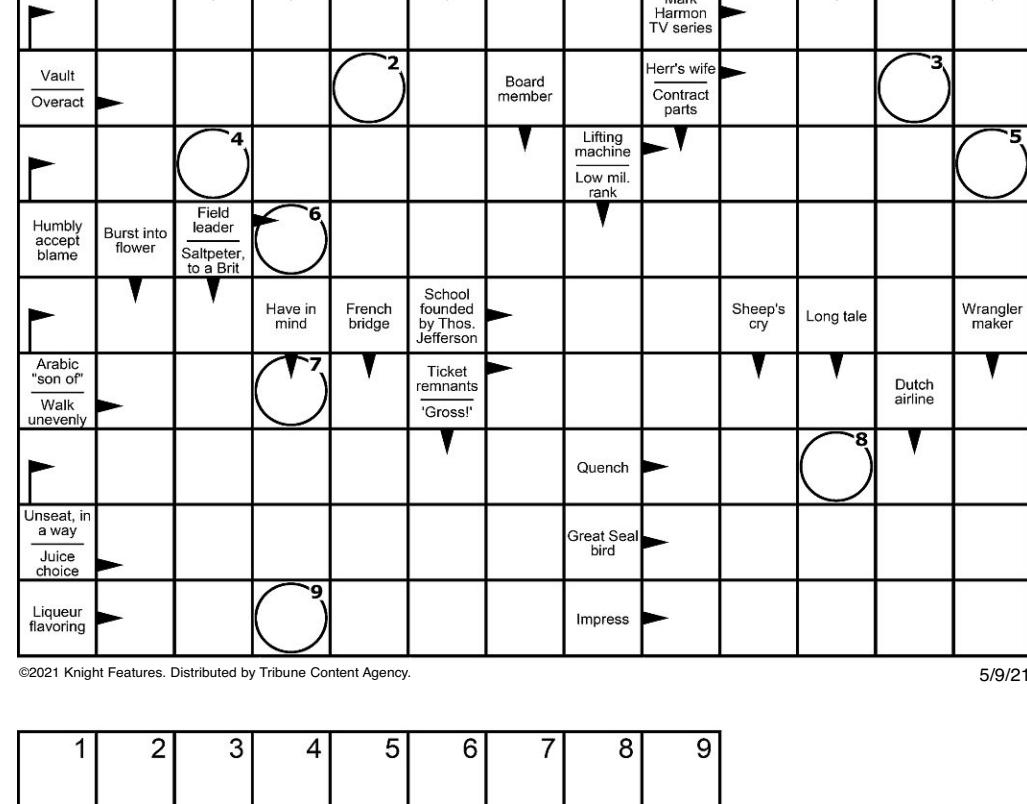
ACROSS
1 Fonda or Falk
6 Drink like Fido
9 Fibromyalgia symptoms
10 "Siskel & ___"
12 Actor & comedian Martin
13 "Out of ___"; Meryl Streep/Robert Redford film
14 Selleck or Bergeron
15 Oscar-winning Leslie Caron movie
16 "Touched by an ___"
19 "The King ___"; Yul Brynner film
23 Set ___; leave shore
24 "High ___"; Gary Cooper classic
25 ___; at the Opera"; Marx Brothers movie
28 Mitchell or McArdle
30 ___ Moore
31 Actor Morales
32 Q-Tip, for one
33 Spend foolishly
34 Chair or stool
36 Role on "How I Met Your Mother"
39 "Blue ___"

DOWN
1 X-Men: Days of Future ___
2 Resound
3 Actor on "Criminal Minds"
4 Suffix for puppet or profit
5 Q-U connection
6 Accessory for Don Ho
7 "Joan of ___"; Ingrid Bergman film
8 "Harper Valley ___"
10 File drawer, perhaps
11 "NCIS" actor
13 Have a bug
15 Become firm
17 Slangy refusal
18 ___ Along, Little Dogies"
20 And not
21 Fawn's mother
22 "Message ___ Bottle"; Kevin Costner movie
25 Commercials
26 ___ Amsterdam"
27 ___ Big Girl Now"
28 Burro
29 Natalie Cole's dad
31 "Please Don't ___ the Daisies"
33 "How the West ___ Won"
35 Sullivan and Bradley
37 Roof overhang
38 "The Price Is Right" host
39 Sandwich letters
40 Fleur-de-___
41 "Alley ___"
42 4 months from now: abbr.
43 Pub order



ARROW WORDS

Fill in the grid using the clues provided in the direction of the arrows. When complete, unscramble the letters in the circles to reveal a mystery word.

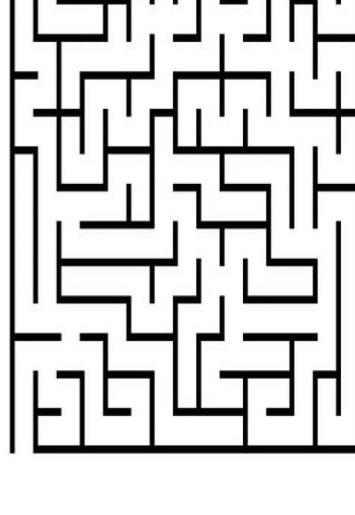
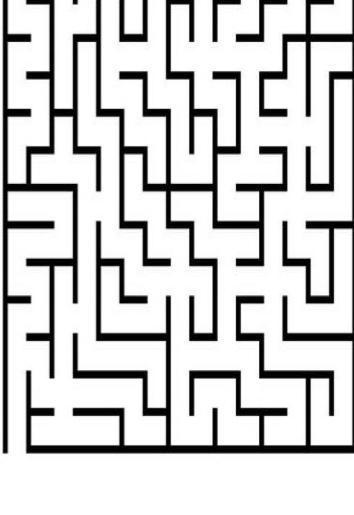


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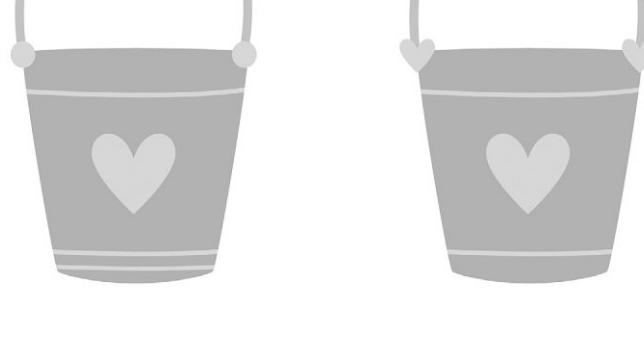
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PGA TOUR TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP



Xander Schauffele celebrates his victory after sinking a birdie putt on the 18th hole for a two-stroke victory Sunday at the Travelers Championship in Cromwell. **SETH WENIG/AP**

Calm, cool, collected and extremely clutch

Schauffele sinks birdie on final hole to win Travelers Championship

By Joe Arruda

Hartford Courant

CROMWELL — Sahith Theegala's fifth shot on 18 — a 12-foot putt — hit the left lip of the hole and rolled out. He dropped his putter onto the green and placed his hands on his hips, knowing that after his double-bogey six, Xander Schauffele only needed par to win the 2022 Travelers Championship.

Schauffele, who'd been consistent for the entire tournament, finished a champion after completing a birdie on 18, surrounded by the largest crowd at TPC River Highlands since 2019. After rolling in the 3-foot putt, Schauffele calmly exhaled and pumped his fists, maintaining the reserved demeanor he carried throughout the tournament.

Weathering the final round chaos with his 2-under-par 68, Schauffele held on for a 19-under 261 total to earn his sixth career PGA Tour victory — as well as 500 FedExCup points and a \$1.494 million share of the purse.

"This is my sixth year on tour and you just know that no one's going to give it to you. You're on the PGA Tour. No one's going to hand you a win," Schauffele said. "I was very aware of that and ready to birdie the last and I thought that was going to be to get in a playoff. So just lucky it was to make me on

top."

The stage was set for the dramatic finish when Theegala drove a 277-yard tee shot onto the 15th green with Schauffele's group following close behind. Theegala two-putted his way to birdie and a tie with Schauffele at 18 under while the eventual champion waited at the tee 297 yards away.

"In the past when I've had 54-hole leads or close to a lead, my Sundays feel really fast," Schauffele said. "So this week I really wanted to stay present and really just focus on the task at hand, which was each and every shot."

After Theegala's group finished on 17, Schauffele responded with an almost identical tee shot — 275 yards to the left side of the green. The eventual champion's attempt at birdie rolled inches right of the cup — one shot later he made par with his first three-putt of the tournament.

Theegala birdied 17 with a 10-foot putt to take a one-stroke lead at 19 under before landing in a bunker with his tee shot on 18. In an attempt to get out of the right-side trap, Theegala made a gutsy call that didn't pay off. His ball hit the lip and remained in the sand.

"I put a great swing on it, hit it right in the center. Just didn't cut. Maybe it was adrenaline, squared

Turn to Golf, Page 2



Sahith Theegala reacts to a missed bogie putt on the 18th green during Sunday's final round of Travelers Championship at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell. **TIM NWACHUKWU/GETTY**

Top finishers

Xander Schauffele	\$1,494,000	63-63-67-68—261	-19
J.T. Poston	\$738,700	62-70-67-64—263	-17
Sahith Theegala	\$738,700	67-65-64-67—263	-17
Michael Thorbjørnsen	amateur	68-65-66-66—265	-15
Chesson Hadley	\$406,700	68-67-64—266	-14
Kevin Kisner	\$320,588	67-64-66-71—268	-12
Keith Mitchell	\$320,588	66-68-67-67—268	-12

Dream dashed on hole No. 18

Excruciating ending for Theegala, who is in search for 1st PGA win



Dom Amore

CROMWELL — Sahith Theegala plays golf with his heart on his clubhead, leaning this way or that to steer the ball in flight, flipping his club whether a shot looks good or bad, like a slugger when his ball looks like it's leaving the park.

His energy and exuberance stand out on a golf course, and in a telecast, in a sport where calm and cool are such prized traits. That's why fans were falling for him, chanting Theegala's name as he walked toward the 18th green, the way they do at TPC River Highlands when a young golfer is trying for his first PGA Tour win. By then, though, Theegala's ill-fated approaches had already put his claim on the Travelers Championship in peril.

"I had such great support all week," Theegala said. "And everywhere I go I feel like I'm making new fans. It's so awesome to me that they feel like I'm someone they can root for. I think I said that before. I think that's so cool. If I'm inspiring people along the way, that's so awesome. I can't say enough about how much the fans meant to me this week especially. They were awesome. The crowds were incredible out here the last few events, RBC and Memorial, this event. The crowds have been incredible."

Theegala, 24, is an inspiration, overcoming scoliosis, an abnormal curvature of the spine, to become one of the best golfers in college while at Pepperdine, and perhaps the top rookie in his first full year on the tour. He played superb golf all week, 67-65-64-67, and when he birdied No. 17, he had finally overtaken Xander Schauffele, a little older, the calm, cool and consistent leader. Out of a divot, Theegala reached the green and made a 10-foot, 8-inch putt to go 19 under.

Then he approached the 18th tee, the type of hole he considered his "bread and butter." And Theegala learned what all pros must: Momentum is fleeting, fickle, and every shot has a life of its own, especially on Sundays.

"Nothing is guaranteed," he said. "Walking up 18 I turned to [caddie] Carl [Smith] and we're

Turn to Amore, Page 2

YANKEES 6, ASTROS 3

Judge walks off Astros

Three-run homer in extra innings gives Yankees series split

By Jake Seiner

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Aaron Judge hit a three-run homer in the 10th inning Sunday for his second walk-off hit against the Astros in four days as the New York Yankees recovered after nearly being no-hit for the second consecutive game to beat Houston 6-3 for a four-game split between the AL's top teams.

Giancarlo Stanton ended a historic hitless drought for New York with a one-out homer in the seventh inning, and DJ LeMahieu followed with a tying two-run drive in the eighth.

After Michael King stranded the bases loaded in the 10th, Isiah Kiner-Falefa dropped a two-strike bunt that moved automatic runner Aaron Hicks to third. Right-hander Seth Martinez intentionally walked pinch hitter Matt Carpenter and



The Yankees' Aaron Judge hits a walk-off, three-run homer in the 10th inning of Sunday's 6-3 victory over the Houston Astros. **ALBELLO/GETTY**

struck out LeMahieu, setting up a two-out showdown with Judge.

Just as on Thursday, when he broke a 6-all tie with a single in the ninth, Judge lifted the major league-leading Yankees. His rocket to left-center on a slider landed in the visiting bullpen.

After rounding the bases,

Judge walked over to the stands and gifted his bat to film director Spike Lee.

With their 10th walk-off win this year, the Yankees improved to 53-20 and matched the third-best 73-game start in the majors

Turn to Yankees, Page 2

RED SOX 8, GUARDIANS 3

Red Sox beat Guardians for seventh win in a row

By Steve Herrick

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Trevor Story drove in two runs to reach 500 career RBIs, Rafael Devers and J.D. Martinez each had three hits and the Boston Red Sox defeated the Cleveland Guardians 8-3 on Sunday for a three-game sweep that extended their winning streak to seven.

Boston had 15 hits and drew 11 walks, its highest total since May 2019. The Red Sox have won 11 of 13 and are 19-4 in June, improving to a season-high 11 games over .500 at 42-31.

Cleveland last lost four straight since a 7-2 trip and hosts AL Central-leading Minnesota in a five-game series starting Monday. The Twins arrive with a two-game division lead.

Rich Hill (4-4) allowed one run, five hits and four walks in six innings, getting double plays in the first, third and fourth.

Story, signed to a six-year, \$140 million contract before the season,

hit a two-run single in the sixth for a 5-0 lead.

Christian Vázquez had an RBI double in the fourth, and Devers added a run-scoring double in the seventh.

A throwing error by second baseman Andrés Giménez scored a run in the third, and a low throw by Giménez on a potential inning-ending double play in the fourth led to another run.

Aaron Civale (2-4) allowed three runs, eight hits and three walks over four innings in his second start since missing a month with left glute tightness.

Gonzalez and Miller drove in runs for Cleveland, which has scored eight runs in the last four games.

Duran and closer Tanner Houck, who pitched the ninth in a non-save situation, will not accompany the Red Sox to Toronto for its series against the Blue Jays because they aren't vaccinated against COVID-19. Houck will throw batting practice to Duran at Fenway Park this week.

UP NEXT

Red Sox: at Blue Jays, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Blue Jays, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Blue Jays, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Yankees: Athletics, Monday, 7 p.m.; Athletics, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Athletics, Wednesday, 1 p.m.

Mets: Astros, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Astros, Wednesday, 1 p.m.; Rangers, Friday, 7 p.m.

Yard Goats: Binghamton, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; Binghamton, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Binghamton, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Sun: at Sky, Wednesday, noon; Mystics, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Dallas, July 5, 8 p.m.

Hartford Athletic: Colorado Springs, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; at Detroit City, July 6, 7:30 p.m.; Tampa Bay, July 9, 7 p.m.

TV/RADIO

BASEBALL

7 p.m.: Red Sox at Blue Jays. (Live) NESN. Radio: 1080

7 p.m.: Athletics at Yankees. (Live) YES. Radio: 97.9

7 p.m.: College World Series Ole Miss vs Oklahoma. (Live) ESPN

7 p.m.: MLB Network Showcase Clubhouse Edition. (Live) MLB

10 p.m.: Regional Coverage. (Live) MLB

BASKETBALL

10:30 p.m.: WNBA Aces at Sparks. (Live) NBA

HOCKEY

6 p.m.: Memorial Cup Game 8. (Live) NHL

TENNIS

6 a.m.: Wimbledon Championships First Round. (Live) ESPN

4:30 p.m.: Wimbledon Championships First Round. (Taped) TENNIS

SUN 72, DREAM 61

Sun shut down Dream in 4th quarter

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Courtney Williams scored 17 points, Alyssa Thomas added 15 and the Connecticut Sun held Atlanta to one field goal in the final seven minutes, defeating the Dream 72-61 on Sunday afternoon.

Thomas also had 11 rebounds and eight assists for the Sun (13-6). Williams grabbed 10 rebounds, and DeWanna Bonner added 12 points.

Aari McDonald had 17 points and Rhyne Howard scored 12 for Atlanta (8-10).

Connecticut led by 11 points heading to the fourth quarter before a 3-pointer from McDonald and a pull-up 20-footer by Howard drew the Dream within seven with 7:04 remaining.

However, the Dream went the next four minutes without a point and made only one more field goal the rest of the game — a 20-footer by Cheyenne Parker with 1:47 remaining.

For the game, Atlanta shot 33% from the field and made just 5 of 19 3-pointers.

With Connecticut leading 58-51, Natisha Hiedeman hit a 3-pointer to put the Sun back up by 10 with 6:43 remaining.

Williams added a 3-pointer to extend the lead to 64-51. Those were Connecticut's only two made 3-pointers in 20 attempts. The Sun shot 42% overall.

The Sun outscored the Dream 20-5 in the second quarter to build a 39-22 halftime lead.

TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP NOTEBOOK

Historic finish for amateur Thorbjornsen

By Joe Arruda
Hartford Courant

As the top golfers approached the middle of the back nine Sunday afternoon, a three-way sprint for second heated up quickly. Xander Schauffele held a slim lead at the top while first-round leader JT. Poston, amateur Michael Thorbjornsen and PGA Tour rookie Sahith Theegala traded shots just strokes behind.

Quickly, Theegala's race became one for the lead. He birdied 15 with Schauffele watching from the tee and birdied again on 17 to take sole possession of the top spot on the leaderboard. But on 18, Theegala met a fairway bunker. Five shots later, he made double-bogey six, dropping him into a second-place tie with Poston at 17 under.

"My record here hasn't been that great," Poston said. "I don't think I've ever made a cut here. So for it to be my first cut made here it's nice to have a great finish and get myself in contention."

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Not the final round Cantlay envisioned:

World No. 6 Patrick Cantlay came into Sunday prepared for a battle with his friend and former Zurich Classic partner Schauffele. The two were neck-and-neck with Cantlay just one stroke behind at 16



Sahith Theegala hits from the 18th fairway during Sunday's final round of the Travelers Championship at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell. He shot double-bogey to finish two strokes back in second. **SETH WENIG/AP**

under coming into Sunday, but the wheels came off quickly. He recorded five bogeys on the front nine and finished with 10 bogeys or worse in the final round, including a double-bogey 6 on 12.

Cantlay dropped six shots on his total in the final round to finish the tournament 10 under and in a six-way knot for 13th place.

Shot of the weekend? Cam Davis had a rough weekend, shooting 3-over-par 73 Saturday and 4 over in the final round Sunday. He made four bogeys on the back nine, including a double-bogey 7 on 13. When he got to 18, his luck hadn't changed.

Off the tee, the world No. 82 out of Australia shanked

his drive way right, into the crowd on the hill. His caddie advised him to shoot left off the hill, around the menacing tree straight on. But Davis was 14 strokes behind the lead at the time, playing the final hole at his third Travelers — there was no reason to play conservative. He wanted to go over the tree.

"I said, 'Just give me a distance and we'll give it a crack,' and I hit a nice one," Davis said.

The fans — parted to give him a shot — collectively turned their heads in awe as the ball cleared the tree, and they erupted in cheers once it landed on the green and rolled 10 feet from the hole.

"It was fun to hit a shot like that after the day I was having," Davis said.

Bits and pieces... World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler entered Sunday at 10 under, seven strokes behind the lead. He made even-par to finish in a tie for 10th place.

Rory McIlroy got back under par Sunday with help from four birdies on the back nine. The No. 2 ranked player in the world led after the first round with an 8-under 62 but made even-par in the second and shot 2-over 72 in the third round. McIlroy shot 3-under 67 in the final round Sunday to finish 9 under in a tie for 20th place.

Chesson Hadley shot 6-under 64 on Sunday by way of four birdies and an eagle on 15 to finish in fifth place, shooting 14 under for the tournament.

Defending champion Harris English shot 1-over 71 on Sunday, dropping into a tie for 20th place at 9 under for the tournament.

Chez Reavie, the 2019 champion, finished in a seven-way tie for eighth at 11 under after shooting 3-under 67 on Sunday.

Windfall for charity: The 2022 Travelers Championship generated more than \$2.5 million for more than 130 charitable organizations. The tournament donates 100% of its net proceeds to nonprofits. The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp in Ashford — which provides a summer camp experience for children with serious illnesses — was the primary beneficiary this year.

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like, 'We can't take Sunday late for granted. This is what we dream of and play for."

Theegala found the fairway bunker. "I hit the shot I wanted, it just didn't cut. Maybe it was adrenaline, squared the face a little sooner than normal."

Theegala and Smith talked over the shot for several minutes and decided that even if he "chunked it," he could still get into position to save par and preserve his lead. But his shot caught up on the lip, and fell to the ground

after 43 yards, still 82 yards from the hole.

"I knew exactly where we stood," Theegala said. "Never in a million years did I think I would allow myself to blade it."

A hot June afternoon got a lot hotter. But Theegala, trying to become the 17th golfer to make Connecticut the place for his first victory, reached the green with a 12-foot putt for bogey, which would have left him, albeit temporarily, tied for the lead. He studied this one a good long time, but his body language suggested his exuberance was crossing the line to anxiety. Theegala came so close, but it lipped out and

he took a double-bogey.

"Hit a perfect putt," he said. "Somehow, it just broke left at the end and lipped out there. So, yeah."

Theegala was one of several to make a run at Schauffele. Patrick Cantlay's challenge ended early, as he shot 6 over and finished nine strokes back.

Amateur Michael Thorbjornsen, who made an eagle on No. 6 and then four straight birdies, was a serious threat until he found the bunker on No. 12 and the water on 13, and finished 15 under. Now Theegala, too, could not sustain his charge and came up short. Schauffele hit the fairway with his

tee shot, the green with his approach and sank his 3-foot birdie putt to put the Travelers in his collection, winning by two strokes.

"[Theegala] knows he can play to a level that will win out here on the tour," Schauffele said. "I think I don't need to tell him anything. I think he just needs to keep knocking on that door until he breaks that thing down."

But not this time. Not yet. This time, the 72nd hole was where victory slipped from Theegala's grasp and offered, not a trophy, but a lesson. He'll be in this position again, that's a lock, and when he does he'll be more

seasoned from Sunday's scars and harness his emotions better.

"All the guys out here know how hard it is to win and how few opportunities there are to win," Theegala said, answering questions despite his anguish.

"That's why something like this is really, really going to hurt. It's really going to hurt. But I'm just going to grow from it. I feel like I'm playing really well, and if I just keep doing the same, keep loving the game. I love the process. I've never loved it more than I do now."

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the face a little sooner than normal. Just didn't cut," Theegala said. "I knew it was going to be close to the lip, but not that close. We were just trying to figure out what the best way to make 4 was and try and force Xander to make birdie there."

On the course where he made his PGA debut in 2020, Theegala was one tee

shot away from a chance at his first PGA Tour victory.

The drama didn't stop at second. JT. Poston and amateur Michael Thorbjornsen duked out a battle for third and fourth place on the back nine. Poston claimed a tie for second after Theegala's 18th-hole bogey.

While Poston made three birdies in his final nine holes, Thorbjornsen landed his tee shot in the bunker on 12 and in the water on 13. The 20-year-old rising junior

at Stanford made bogey on each, falling back into fourth place, leaving third for first-round leader Poston.

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"It was incredible," the Wellesley, Mass., native

and 2021 Massachusetts Amateur champion said. "It was surreal. I can't even — like it's better than like what I, how I dreamt about it. It's so loud. It was very welcoming. I can't wait to come back next year and the following years."

Schauffele shot 126 without a bogey through the first 36 holes, which tied a course record, and entered the weekend with a five-stroke lead, also tying a tournament record.

For one hole on Sunday, that lead was lost — but, after a perfect sandstorm, Schauffele became the 53rd winner of Connecticut's PGA event.

"After I saw what happened (with Theegala), I knew there was a chance a par would win and birdie for sure," Schauffele said. "So I had to hit the fairway. I was so locked in in that moment to hit that fairway and swing as hard as I could off that tee. Nothing else really mattered."

HARTFORD ATHLETIC

Watling resigns, former UConn coach Reid takes over

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

Hartford Athletic is looking for a new coaching staff after the resignation of Harry Watling late Saturday.

Ray Reid, the long-time men's soccer coach at UConn and Southern Connecticut, will be the Athletic's interim coach until a new one is hired.

Reid joined the United Soccer League franchise May 13 as technical director.

Watling is returning to England to tend to family matters. Assistant coach Jack Davis also resigned.

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SCOREBOARD

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP FINALS

Colorado 3, Tampa Bay 2
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
G1: June 15: Colorado, 4-3 (OT)
G2: June 18: Colorado 7-0.
G3: June 20: Tampa Bay 6-2.
G4: June 22: Colorado 3-2 (OT)
G5: June 24: Tampa Bay 3-2
G6: Sunday: at Tampa Bay, late
x-G7: Tuesday: at Colorado, 8 p.m.

POSTSEASON STATS

COLORADO

	GP	G	A	PT	S	TOIG
Cale Makar	19	9	21	25	70	27:12
Mikko Rantanen	19	5	20	25	52	20:08
Nathan MacKinnon	19	10	21	53	20:54	
Gabriel Landeskog	19	11	10	21	53	17:15
Nazem Kadri	19	7	8	15	56	17:15
Valeri Nichushkin	19	9	6	15	68	20:07
Devon Toews	19	5	10	15	43	22:52
Arttu Lehkonen	19	7	6	13	40	17:00
Bowen Byram	19	0	8	8	42	19:01
J.T. Compher	19	5	3	8	13	13:56
Andre Burakovsky	12	3	5	8	13	12:24
Josh Manson	19	3	4	7	38	17:10
Andrew Cogliano	15	3	6	5	16	9:42
Darren Helm	18	2	3	5	27	11:39
Erik Johnson	19	1	4	5	30	17:01
Alex Newhook	11	0	4	4	6	10:56
Logan O'Connor	16	1	3	4	21	11:15
Samuel Girard	7	1	2	3	14	17:58
Nico Sturm	12	0	2	2	9	8:40
Nicolas Aube-Kubel	14	0	0	16	10:22	
Jack Johnson	12	0	0	0	2	11:17
Team	19	83	132	167	51	

GOALTENDER

W L SV SV% GAA MIN

Darcy Kuemper 9 4 326 .898 .2.69 828

Pavel Francouz 6 5 155 .906 2.81 341

Team 15 4 481 .901 2.841169

TAMPA BAY

GP G A PT S TOIG

Nikita Kucherov	22	8	19	27	75	20:42
Ondrej Palat	22	11	9	20	67	16:50
Victor Hedman	22	3	16	19	74	24:41
Steven Stamkos	22	10	8	18	67	18:48
Corey Perry	22	6	5	11	42	12:42
Mikhail Sergachev	22	2	8	10	26	22:13
Ross Colton	22	5	4	9	37	13:19
Nick Paul	22	5	4	9	43	18:18
Anthony Cirelli	22	3	5	8	43	19:33
Pat Maroon	22	4	2	6	27	8:57
Brandon Hagel	22	2	4	6	10	14:14
Brayden Point	9	2	3	5	22	18:45
Ryan McDonagh	22	1	4	5	27	22:28
Jan Rutta	16	1	4	5	10	13:00
Alex Killorn	22	0	4	4	12	19:18
PE Bellmare	22	2	1	3	16	10:40
Zach Bogosian	21	0	3	3	19	12:36
Erik Cernak	22	1	1	2	20	19:18
Callan Foote	13	0	2	2	8	11:29
Riley Nash	7	0	0	0	7	7:03
Team	22	66	10617	2692		

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Andrej Vasilevskiy 14 8 665 .921 2.54 1345

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through Game 5 of Cup Finals

PLAYOFF SUMMARY

TEAM W L SV OL G GA

TEAM	W	L	SV	OL	G	GA
Colorado	15	4	5	1	83	54
Tampa Bay	14	8	1	2	66	59
NY Rangers	10	10	1	2	62	58
Edmonton	8	8	1	2	65	59
Carolina	7	7	1	0	37	40
St. Louis	6	6	1	1	40	38
Calgary	5	7	1	1	35	39
Florida	4	6	2	0	23	32
Boston	3	4	0	0	20	24
Los Angeles	3	4	1	0	17	27
Toronto	3	4	0	1	24	23
Dallas	3	4	0	1	14	15
Pittsburgh	3	4	1	1	29	28
Minnesota	2	4	0	0	16	22
Washington	2	4	0	2	19	20
Nashville	0	4	0	1	9	21
Average	5.5	5.1	1.1	1.4	34.9	34.9

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

SAVE PCT. SV% TEAM GP SV

	SV%	TEAM	GP	SV
Jake Oettinger	.954	DAL	7	272
Jordan Binnington	.949	STL	6	167
Igor Shesterkin	.929	NYR	20	669
Antti Raanta	.922	CAR	13	297
Andrei Vasilevskiy	.921	TBL	22	665
Connor Ingram	.913	NSH	4	17
Mike Smith	.913	EDM	16	511
Ilya Samsonov	.912	WSH	5	135
Jeremy Swayman	.911	BOS	5	133
Sergei Bobrovsky	.906	FLA	10	276
Pavel Francouz	.906	COL	7	155
Marc-Andre Fleury	.906	MIN	5	144
Jonathan Quick	.904	LAK	7	206
Jacob Markstrom	.901	CGY	12	319
Louis Domingue	.898	PIT	6	168
Darcy Kuemper	.898	COL	15	326

VICTORIES

TM W L GAA

TEAM	TM	W	L	GAA
Andrej Vasilevskiy	TBL	14	8	2.54
Igor Shesterkin	NYR	10	9	2.59
Darcy Kuemper	COL	9	4	2.68
Mike Smith	EDM	8	6	3.37
Pavel Francouz	COL	6	0	2.81
Antti Raanta	CAR	6	5	2.26
Jacob Markstrom	CGY	5	3	3.54
Sergei Bobrovsky	FLA	4	27	303
Jake Oettinger	DAL	7	13	285
Ville Husso	STL	7	25	228
Jonathan Quick	LAK	7	22	228
Jack Campbell	TOR	7	21	203
Louis Domingue	PIT	6	19	187
Jordan Binnington	STL	6	9	176
Pavel Francouz	COL	7	16	171
through Saturday; hockey-reference				

AUTO RACING

INDYCAR

ALY 400

Lineup after Saturday qualifying; race

Sunday at Nashville Superspeedway, Lebanon, Tenn. Lap length: 1.33 miles

(Car number in parentheses)

(1, 11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, .000mph.

2, 22) Joey Logano, Ford, .000.

3, (5) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, .000.

4, (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, .000.

5, (99) Daniel Suarez, Chevrolet, .000.

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NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Lyles claims US title in 200 meters



Noah Lyles pulled in front of teenage sensation Errion Knighton at the finish to win the 200 meters at the U.S. track and field championships Sunday in Eugene, Oregon. "I do what it takes to win," proclaimed Lyles, who cheekily pointed to Knighton as he hit the tape in 19.67 seconds. Lyles won the 200 at the 2019 world championships and the bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics last summer. He'll be challenged again by Knighton, 18, in the worlds next month in Eugene. The top three in each event will be on the U.S. team for the world championships, given they have met the required performance standard. In the women's 200, Sha'Carri Richardson didn't advance out of the semifinal. It was her only remaining chance to make the U.S. team for the worlds. Richardson also didn't make Friday's 100 final. Richardson grabbed attention at last year's Olympic trials with a statement-making win in the 100. But she was suspended because of a positive test for marijuana, which kept her off the team sent to the Tokyo Games. Abby Steiner of Kentucky won the event in 21.77.

Harper out indefinitely with injury



Reigning NL MVP Bryce Harper was placed on the 10-day injured list Sunday with a broken left thumb and the Phillies haven't yet announced a timeline for his return but said Harper would be out indefinitely. Former No. 1 overall draft pick Mickey Moniak was recalled from Triple-A to take Harper's roster spot. Harper's thumb was broken when he was hit by a 97 mph pitch from Padres left-hander Blake Snell on Saturday night. Harper will see a specialist in Philadelphia. Phillies GM Dave Dombrowski, who traveled with the team on the road trip, said Saturday that it was too early to determine whether surgery will be needed. The 29-year-old Harper is hitting .318 with 15 home runs, 48 RBIs and a .985 OPS, and has helped the Phillies recently surge back into playoff contention. Harper said after Saturday's game that it's "just a bummer. I am really bummed out." Harper checked his swing as the pitch rode inside and high toward his shoulder before hitting him on the outside of the left hand in the fourth inning. He fell to the ground and was in pain as he held his hand while on his knees for several minutes.

Chun loses lead, rallies for major win



In Gee Chun rallied after losing the rest of her once-sizeable lead, overcoming a bogey-filled front nine to win the Women's PGA Championship on Sunday when Lexi Thompson faltered with her putter. Chun shot a 3-over 75 for the second consecutive day at Congressional in Bethesda, Maryland, but that was enough to win her third major title by a stroke over Thompson and Minjee Lee. Chun, after leading by six at the tournament's midway point, lost a three-shot advantage in the first three holes of the final round. Thompson was two strokes ahead of her after the front nine, but her putter let her down late in the round. Chun, a 27-year-old from South Korea, finished at 5-under 283. She won her first major at the U.S. Women's Open in 2015 and added the Evian Championship in France the following year. Thompson, 27, hasn't won an LPGA Tour event since 2019, and her lone major victory came as a teenager at Mission Hills in the California desert in 2014. She lost a five-stroke lead during the final round of last year's U.S. Women's Open at Olympic Club.

—News services



2021 runner-up Matteo Berrettini is among several young men's players considered top contenders at Wimbledon. CLIVE BRUNSKILL/GETTY

WIMBLEDON

'We're starting to catch up'

In men's draw, young players look to end Big Four streak

By Howard Fendrich

Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — It's been two decades since the Wimbledon men's singles championship was won by someone outside the quartet of Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray.

Could this be the year someone else earns that trophy?

"Yeah, why not? What Roger, Rafa, Andy and Novak have done for this sport is really incredible, and they've had so many battles. But the time is definitely coming for new faces," said Hubert Hurkacz, a 25-year-old from Poland who beat Federer a year ago on Centre Court en route to the semifinals at the All England Club.

"We're coming out and playing some really good tennis. It's definitely getting more competitive. We're starting to catch up a little bit," added Hurkacz, who's seeded No. 7 and will face Alejandro Davidovich Fokina as the grass-court Grand Slam tournament begins Monday. "And it's interesting for the fans, as well."

If that streak of titles collected by the so-called Big Four of men's tennis does come to an end following this fortnight — no sure thing, certainly, because even though Federer, who turns 41 on Aug. 8, isn't in the field after a series of knee operations, and Murray, 35, is no longer the player he was before two hip operations, Djokovic, 35, and Nadal, 36, are seeded 1-2 and have combined to win 14 of the last 16 major trophies overall — Hurkacz has demonstrated he's among the contenders with a chance.

He prepared for Wimbledon by beating top-ranked Daniil Medvedev, who won't be

at the All England Club because all players from Russia and Belarus are banned over the war in Ukraine, in the final of the grass-court event at Halle, Germany, on Saturday.

Other names to keep an eye on are Matteo Berrettini, the big-hitting runner-up to Djokovic a year ago who's seeded No. 8 this time and picked up two grass titles in recent weeks; a pair of Canadians, No. 6 Felix Auger-Aliassime, a 2021 quarterfinalist, and No. 13 Denis Shapovalov, a 2021 semifinalist; and No. 4 Stefanos Tsitsipas, whose career record at Wimbledon includes three first-round losses and one run to the fourth round but who believes he can adjust his game to the surface and eventually make his way to the final days of the tournament.

"My tennis is suited for that. I'm a person that likes to work hard, so I see no reason not to get there," said Tsitsipas, the runner-up to Djokovic on clay at last year's French Open and the champion on grass at the Mallorca Championships on Saturday. "I absolutely think that I can get there one day."

There has been more variety among the women's title winners lately, with seven players dividing the last eight Wimbledon trophies — and five of them are in the bracket this time: Serena Williams, Simona Halep, Angelique Kerber, Garbine Muguruza and Petra Kvitova, who won a trophy on grass at Eastbourne on Saturday.

The 2021 champion, Ash Barty, isn't back to defend, because she retired at age 25 in March (2013 winner Marion Bartoli ended her career shortly after her championship).

In addition to those past champs — Williams has won seven of her 23 Slam titles at the All England Club and is returning to singles play after a year off the tour — the list of contenders includes No. 1 Iga Swiatek, who's coming off a French Open title and enters on a 35-match winning streak; Coco Gauff, the 18-year-old American who was

the runner-up to Swiatek in Paris; and Ons Jabeur, a quarterfinalist in 2021 and seeded No. 3.

Since Leyton Hewitt won Wimbledon in 2002, Federer has claimed a men's record eight championships (Martina Navratilova took the women's title nine times), Djokovic six, and Nadal and Murray two apiece.

"Novak and Rafa are still probably the favorites — Novak maybe the (main) favorite, if you have to pick one. If he gets a good start and finds his rhythm, he will obviously be very dangerous, because he's the one that probably moves better than any other player on this surface," said third-seeded Casper Ruud, the runner-up to Nadal at Roland Garros this month. "It's impressive how good of a player he is on grass. Everyone looked at (seven-time Wimbledon champion Pete) Sampras and Federer as the grass-court legends, but he's also up there."

At a glance

LOOKAHEAD TO MONDAY: Wimbledon gets started Monday with top-seeded Novak Djokovic facing 75th-ranked Kwon Soon-woo of South Korea in the tournament's first Centre Court match. Djokovic begins his bid for a fourth consecutive title at Wimbledon and seventh overall. He also can claim his 21st career Grand Slam trophy. A victory would be Djokovic's 80th at the All England Club, which would make him the first man or woman to have won at least that many matches at each of the four major tournaments. The rest of the Centre Court schedule will delight the locals: Britain's Emma Raducanu, who won the U.S. Open at age 18 last September, will face Alison Van Uytvanck of Belgium, before Britain's Andy Murray, a three-time major champion, including at Wimbledon in 2013 and 2016, meets James Duckworth of Australia.

GOLF

Harrington holds on at US Senior Open

Associated Press

Padraig Harrington holed a 30-foot birdie putt on the 15th right when the last of his five-shot lead was about to vanish, and he closed with three tough pars for a 1-over 72 to hold off Steve Stricker and win the U.S. Senior Open on Sunday.

Harrington never lost the lead at Saucon Valley in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on a day when he made it hard on himself.

"It's tough to lead from the front," Harrington said. "It's even tougher when it's Steve Stricker behind you. He tends to have one on me. I'm happy enough to get it done in the end."

Stricker, who started the final round eight shots behind, began making his run with consecutive birdies to finish the front nine, and he closed with two straight birdies for a 65.

That left him one shot behind, and the Irishman needed only pars to win for the first time on the PGA Tour Champions.

"It was a tough day," Harrington said. "I said it yesterday, where having a five-shot lead going out there, yeah, if I went out and played great and ran away from the field, I could wave at the crowd and take shots on. If anything, maybe even improve my position. But golf just doesn't be like that."

"It always, always — how many times do we see it? — comes down to the last couple of holes."

Harrington had to two-putt from above the ridge on the 16th, and he trickled it down to a foot. He was well below the ridge from about 50 feet away on the par-3 17th and, after running that by 6 feet, calmly rolled in the par putt.

On the closing hole, he was pin-high but some 35 feet away with a spine running through the line of his putt. He cozied that to 3 feet and rapped it in for the win.

Harrington finished at 10-under 274.

He's the third straight player to win the U.S. Senior Open in his debut, following Jim Furyk last year and Stricker in 2019.

Harrington and Stricker each have a senior major this year, with Stricker winning the Regions Tradition in Alabama a month after returning to the tour from a six-month break recovering from a virus. Li earns European tour win: Less than a year after he nearly retired from golf, Li Haotong achieved his third career European tour win and first since 2018 at the BMW International Open on Sunday in Munich.

Li sank to the ground with loud exclamations of joy and relief after beating Thomas Pieters with a 40-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole. It was a huge turnaround from 2021, when he only made the cut at two European tour events all year and considered leaving the sport behind.

"Ten months ago ... I just literally decided to quit golf. Somehow, where I am now, it's hard to describe," Li said. "I had no idea I could win this playoff. Luckily, things happened for me again."

Li had led the tournament since a course record-equaling round of 10-under 62 on the opening day. However, his 2-under 70 on Sunday was his worst of the tournament, and Li looked like he might have blown his chance when a bogey on the 15th left him in a three-way tie with Pieters and Ryan Fox.

A symbol of Li's struggles was the par-five No. 6, where he had bogey after eagles in his previous three rounds.

Li recovered with birdies on the 16th and 17th but missed a birdie putt which could have won it on the final hole.

Li then won a playoff for the first time in his career with a birdie as Pieters failed to sink a 10-foot putt.

The tournament took place amid simmering tension over players signing with the breakaway Saudi-backed LIV series.

BASEBALL**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
New York	53	20	.726	—	—	6-4	W-1	31-9	22-11
Boston	42	31	.575	11	+1 1/2	8-2	W-7	20-16	22-15
Tampa Bay	40	32	.556	12 1/2	—	5-5	W-3	25-15	15-17
Toronto	40	32	.556	12 1/2	—	3-7	L-2	21-14	19-18
Baltimore	34	40	.459	19 1/2	7	7-3	L-1	18-17	16-23
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Minnesota	41	33	.554	—	—	5-5	W-2	23-17	18-16
Cleveland	36	32	.529	2	2	5-5	L-4	16-13	20-19
Chicago	34	37	.479	5 1/2	5 1/2	4-6	W-1	16-21	18-16
Detroit	28	44	.389	12	12	4-6	L-1	18-22	10-22
Kansas City	26	45	.366	13 1/2	13 1/2	6-4	L-2	13-23	13-22
WEST	W	L	PCT	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	45	27	.625	—	—	7-3	L-1	20-11	25-16
Texas	34	37	.479	10 1/2	5 1/2	5-5	L-1	17-20	17-17
Los Angeles	35	40	.467	11 1/2	6 1/2	5-5	W-1	19-22	16-18
Seattle	34	40	.459	12	7	6-4	L-1	15-18	19-22
Oakland	25	49	.338	21	16	4-6	W-2	8-28	17-21

BOX SCORES**MIAMI 3, N.Y. METS 2**

NY METS	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Nimmo cf	4	1	2	1	0	.278
Marte rf	3	1	1	0	1	.276
Lindor ss	3	0	0	0	0	.246
Alonso 1b	3	0	1	0	1	.281
Canha if	4	0	0	0	1	.275
Davis dh	3	0	1	0	0	.243
Escobar 3b	4	0	0	0	2	.225
Guillorme 2b	4	0	0	0	0	.307
McCann c	4	0	0	0	2	.188
TOTALS	32	2	5	2	6	
Miami	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Berti lf	4	1	2	0	1	.298
Rojas ss	4	1	1	0	0	.236
Cooper dh	3	0	0	1	1	.307
Aguilar 1b	4	0	1	0	1	.256
Fortes c	4	1	1	1	.289	
Sanchez cf	3	0	0	0	1	.223
De La Cruz rf	3	0	0	0	1	.215
L.Williams 2b	3	0	0	0	2	.233
Gonzalez 3b	3	0	1	0	1	.206
TOTALS	31	3	6	3	9	
N.Y. Mets	002 000 000	—	2	5	0	
Miami	101 000 001	—	3	6	0	

Two outs when winning run scored.

LOB: New York 7, Miami 3.

2B: Nimmo (13), Davis (7), Marte (14), Alonso (11), Berti (8), Gonzalez (1).

HR: Nimmo (5), off Castano; Rojas (6), off Peterson; Fortes (3), off Ottavino.

RBIs: Nimmo (24), Alonso (69), Cooper (35), Rojas (19), Fortes (7). SF: Cooper.

Runners left in scoring position: New York (4) Canha, McCann 2, Davis); Miami 2 (Fortes, Berti).

RISP: New York 1 for 13; Miami 0 for 3.

Runners moved up: Guillorme 2, Rojas.

Pitches-Strikes: Peterson 104-66;

Hunter 17-10; Ottavino 6-4;

Castano 93-62; Okert 17-10; Scott 24-15.

Batters Faced: Peterson 25; Hunter 4;

Ottavino 3; Castano 28; Okert 4; Scott 4.

WP: Peterson, Scott.

Umpires: Horne; Pat Hoberg; First,

Bruce Dreckman; Second, Paul Emmel;

Third, Shane Liversparger.

T: 2:44. A: 19,343(36,742).

N.Y. Mets

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Miami 101 000 001 — 3 6 0

CHI. CUBS 6, ST. LOUIS 5 (10)

Chi Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Morel cf	4	0	0	0	2	.257
Ortega rf	4	1	1	2	0	.269
a-Velazquez rf	1	0	0	1	0	.353
Contreras dh	5	0	2	3	2	.268
Happ lf	5	0	0	0	0	.279
Wisdom 3b	5	0	1	0	0	.232
Hoerner ss	4	1	2	0	0	.295
Gomes c	5	1	2	0	0	.238
Rivas 1b	4	1	2	1	1	.221
Bote 2b	2	1	1	0	1	.500
TOTALS	39	6	11	6	7	
St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	SO	AVG
Edman ss	5	0	0	1	1	.269
Donovan lf	4	2	2	1	1	.315
Goldschmidt 1b	1	1	1	1	1	.333
Arenado 3b	5	0	1	1	2	.283
Reyes dh	4	1	1	1	2	.276
Carlson rf	3	1	0	1	2	.247
Bader cf	4	0	0	0	0	.256
Herrera c	3	0	2	0	0	.250
1-Sosa pr	0	0	0	0	1	.188
Krizner c	0	0	0	0	0	.188
TOTALS	36	5	8	5	10	

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St. Louis 113 000 000 0 - 5 8 2

a-struck out for Ortega in the 9th. E: 2.

R: 1, H: 1, E: 2 (Ortega 2).

LOB: Chicago 8, St.

Louis 6. 2B: Gomes (5). Ortega (10).

Wisdom (15), Carlson (14). 3B: Donovan (1). HR: Donovan (20), off Mills; Goldschmidt (18), off Mills; Yepez (7), off Mills. RBIs: Rivas (22), Ortega (21).

HR: Rivas (2), off Mills; Yepez (2).

SF: Mullins, Vaughn.

Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 5.

Runners left in scoring position: Chicago 4 (Hays 2), Arauz 2 (Arauz, Mancini); Chicago 1 (Sosa).

RISP: Chicago 1 for 7; Chicago 2 for 5.

Runners moved up: Santander, Anderson.

GIDP: Burger. DP: Baltimore 1 (Arauz, Mountcastle).

CHI CUBS IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Mills 6 5 5 1 1 1 4.94

Swarmer 2/6 0 0 0 1 4 5.33

Martin 1 0 0 0 0 0 4.03

Wick 1 0 0 0 0 1 4.55

Givens 1/6 0 0 0 0 3 3.81

Roberts 0, 2-0/6 0 0 0 0 2 1.86

ST. LOUIS IP H R ER BB SO ERA

Flaherty 2 1 0 0 2 2.27

Wittgen 1 4 4 4 0 1 5.90

Oviedo 0, 2-0 3/1 3 1 0 1 3.24

Naughton 1/6 0 0 0 1 1 4.91

Fernandez 1/6 0 0 0 0 0 0.00

Z.Thompson, L, 1-1/2 3 1 0 0 2.31

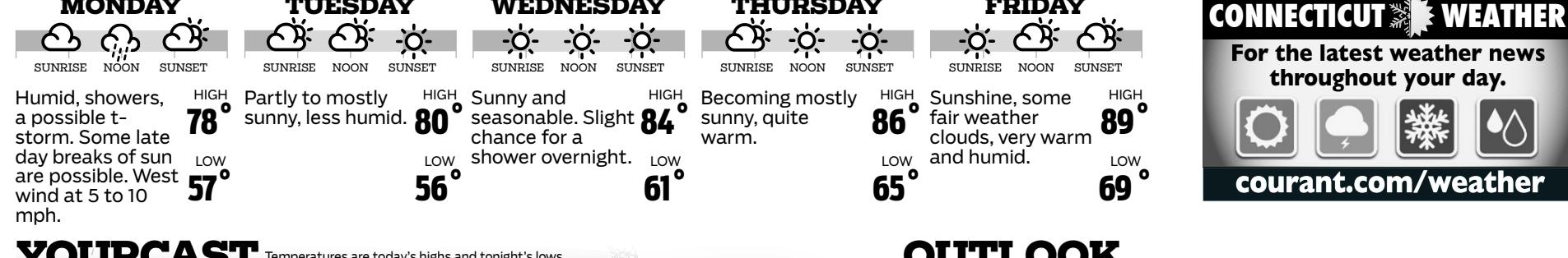
Woodford 2/6 0 0 0 1 0 1.20

Inherited runners-scored: Robertson 1-0, Oviedo 3-1, Naughton 1-0, Woodford 2-0. IBB: off Woodford (Hoerner).

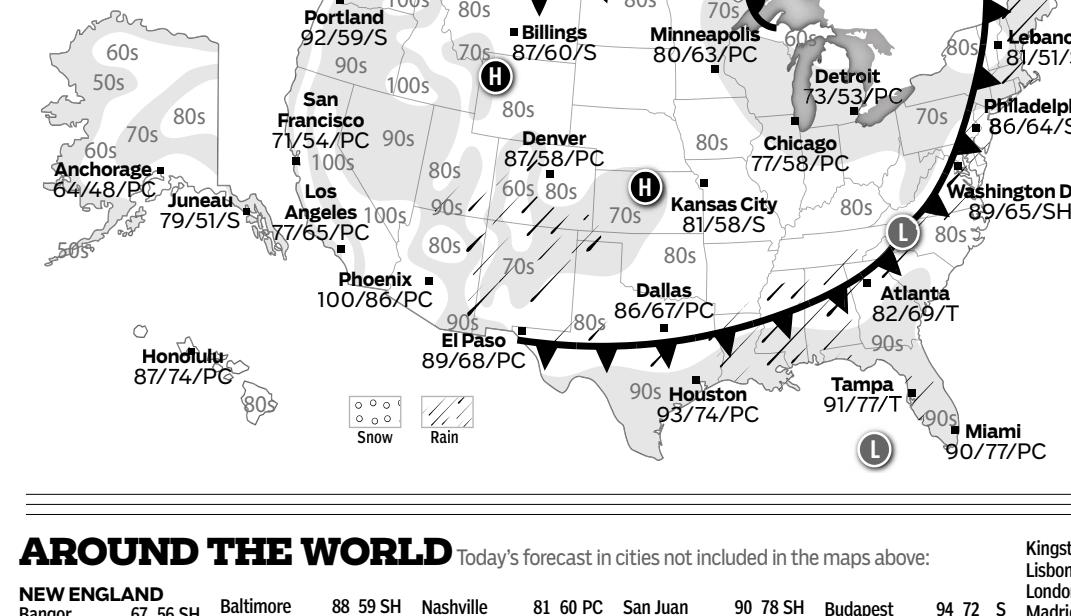
HBP: Mills (Carlson). Umpires: Home, Charlie Ramos; First, Chris Conroy; Second, Chris Segal; Third, Lance Barksdale. T: 3:50. A: 44,824(45,494).

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WEATHER



YOURCAST

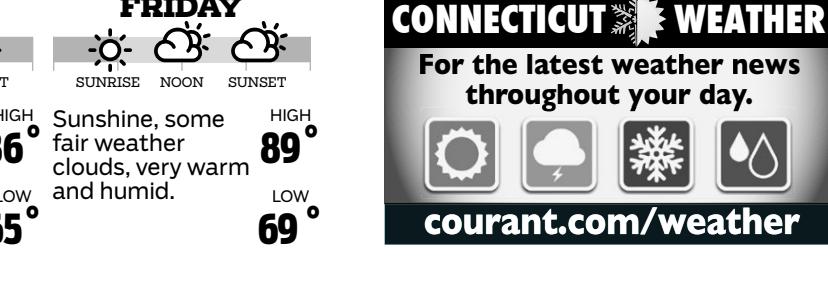


AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND		WORLD	
Bangor	67 56 SH	Baltimore	88 59 SH
Burlington	79 55 SH	Bismarck	84 51 S
Caribou	67 53 SH	Boise	98 67 S
Concord	82 53 SH	Buffalo	66 52 PC
Montpelier	75 49 SH	Charleston	97 72 PC
Mt. Wash.	54 35 SH	Cincinnati	75 55 PC
Portland	75 57 SH	Cleveland	72 53 PC
Woods Hole	69 58 SH	Indianapolis	77 54 PC
NATION		Jacksonville	89 69 PC
Albany	79 55 SH	Las Vegas	100 85 S
Albuquerque	67 56 T	Miami Beach	88 80 T
Atlantic City	79 60 SH	Milwaukee	72 59 PC

KEY: S Sunny, C Cloudy, PC Partly Cloudy, R Rain, SH Showers, SN Snow, SF Snow Flurries, T T-storms



OUTLOOK

A trough of low pressure in the region during the morning and early afternoon on Monday will cause mostly cloudy skies with showers and possibly a couple isolated thunderstorms, then a cold front will move in late in the day with the chance for more showers and isolated thunderstorms. Any thunderstorms could have torrential downpours. It will be a humid day with dew points in the 60s, but late in the day the humidity will start to drop, at least in the western half of the state. After a weekend with highs in the lower 90s, it will be noticeably cooler with highs in the 70s. -Gary Lessor

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Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00 0.14
Month to date	2.53 3.78
Total this year	20.11 21.67

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

Air Quality Forecast For Today

Good	Low	78°
Air Quality Today	Ultraviolet index Today	Pollen Count Yesterday

Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise 5:17 a.m.	5:18 a.m.
Sunset 8:30 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
Moonrise 3:51 a.m.	4:33 a.m.
Moonset 7:43 p.m.	8:38 p.m.



Temperature	High	Low
Sunday	92 at 3:08 p.m.	63 at 4:36 a.m.
Normal for date	83	61
Record for date	100 in 1952	47 in 2018
A year ago	85	65
Range this year	93	-2

Cooling Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For Jan 1 - June 26	215	167	196



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.12 at 6 a.m.	29.97 at 6 p.m.
Dew point	66° at 11 a.m.	61° at 2 a.m.



Yankees

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since 1930 — trailing only the 2001 Mariners and 1998 Yankees. They are 24-1 when Judge and Stanton homer in the same game, including 8-0 this season.

They hardly hit like a juggernaut most of the weekend.

José Urquidy was eight outs from Houston's second straight no-hitter before Stanton connected, cutting the Astros' lead to 3-1. The Yankees had been 0 for 52 since the eighth inning of a 3-1 loss Friday night — a stretch including a combined no-hitter

by Cristian Javier, Héctor Neris and Ryan Pressly on Saturday.

New York's 16 1/3-inning hitless drought was the longest by any team since at least 1961, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

LeMahieu tied it with a no-doubt, two-out homer off reliever Phil Maton, who had let Kiner-Falefa aboard with a single.

King (5-1) had to wriggle out of trouble in the 10th after New York's defense slipped up twice. Shortstop Kiner-Falefa booted José Altuve's grounder, and catcher José Trevino's attempt to pick off Jason Castro at second base backfired when Castro took third.

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

LOCAL AMATEUR BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEGION Saturday's late results

Zone 3

MIDDLETON 7, ELLINGTON 4

Zone 6

WATERFORD 13-6, WILLIMANTIC 0-8

Note: Connor Rowe had 3 hits for Waterford in its Game 1 win. Parker Woodmansee had the only hit for Willimantic. In Game 2, Matt Lafountain pitched a complete game for the win. Gavin Covell had 3 hits, 3 RBI, including a go-ahead 2-run triple in the 6th. Woodmansee added 2 hits, 2 runs scored.

Sunday's results

Zone 1

WEST HARTFORD 7-8, SIMSBURY 3-5

TORRINGTON AT BRISTOL (2), LATE

Zone 2

MILFORD 5, MADISON 0

Zone 3

RPC POST 10, ENFIELD 0

GLASTONBURY AT NORTHEAST, LATE

Zone 6

WATERFORD 10, WILLIMANTIC, LATE

Monday's schedule

Zone 1: Ellington at South Windsor, 6:30 p.m.; Enfield at EHM, 7 p.m.; RPC Post at Middletown, 7 p.m.; Northeast at Windsor Locks/Windsor, 8:15 p.m.

Zone 6: Jewett City at Willimantic, 7 p.m.

CONNECTICUT TWILIGHT LEAGUE

Sunday's result

BLACK SOX AT PATRIOTS, PPD.

Monday's schedule

Dobbers at Orioles, 6 p.m.

KNIGHTS AT ROCKIES, 6 p.m.

GRESHAM HARTFORD TWILIGHT LEAGUE

Sunday's results

GRAPHICS AT ORIOLES, LATE

GREENERS AT PEOPLE'S, LATE

EXPOS AT PHILLIES, LATE

Monday's schedule

Colts at Jets, 7 p.m.

Expos at Greeners, 8 p.m.

Pete Kokinis BASEBALL LEAGUE

Saturday's late results

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FARMINGTON 16, NEW BRITAIN PARKS AND REC 3

Atlanta M FG FT RB A PF PT

Howard 36 5-16 1-2 7 4 2 12

Billings 16 2-6 0-0 6 1 2 4

Parker 15 3-7 2-2 3 1 5 8

Caldwell 17 1-4 1 2 1 2 1 3

McDonald 31 4-8 6-7 1 4 3 17

Mompromier 25 2-7 0-0 3 1 2 4

Hillmon 24 1-4 2-2 6 1 3 4

Turner 10 0-1 1-2 1 1 0 1

Durr 26 3-10 1-1 1 2 3 8